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Berthiaume takes seat in narrow victory

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – Less than 60 votes proved to be the difference in the race for a selectman's seat, with Wendy Berthiaume narrowly defeating Christopher Woodbury.

The final tally at the May 8 election was 390-333 in Berthiaume's favor, with only 57 votes separating the candidates vying for the seat vacated by former selectman John Stevens. Precinct 3 powered Berthiaume to victory, who led Woodbury by just 10 votes in the

other three precincts combined. But the 118-71 Precinct 3 count helped her clinch the seat.

"I can't thank everyone enough for their support, from the people who held signs to those who made phone calls and wrote letters," said Berthiaume, a char-

ter member of the Spencer Celebrations Committee. "I have a great support group around me, and I am looking forward to working with the Board to help this town wherever I can."

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Town makes decision to sell Sugden building

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – The uncertainty surrounding the future of the Sugden Block building has loomed almost as large as the building itself in recent years. But regardless of what the next chapter brings for the building, it will no longer be owned and leased by the town.

Selectmen, acting on behalf of Spencer's Building and Property Reuse Committee, recently announced that

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Kevin Flanders photo

Selectman Theodore Boulay earned re-election in convincing fashion last week. From left, Judy Shute, Joe Kularski, and Cheryl Brodak show their support for Boulay.

Boulay takes easy victory to selectboard

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

EAST BROOKFIELD – Incumbent Selectman Theodore Boulay cruised to victory last week, easily defeating challenger Andrew Lynch at the May 8 election.

Boulay was elected to his second term on the Board

by a count of 228-104, collecting nearly 70 percent of the votes. He is no stranger to municipal leadership, serving 12 years on the Zoning Board as chairman and 11 years on the Finance Committee before becoming a selectman. Looking ahead, he is eager to continue serving the town and

assisting residents.

"I would like to thank all of my supporters for their hard work and efforts. It is they who deserve this win," Boulay said. "Over the past several weeks, the support and feedback have

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Write in candidate Tripp takes seat on selectboard

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Town election season is always filled with plenty of surprises throughout the region, none bigger than the results of last week's election in town.

It's fair to assume that few people

were projecting Planning Board member John Tripp to fill a vacant Board of Selectmen seat – especially considering that his name wasn't even listed as a candidate on the ballot. But when the final results were posted by Town Clerk Sheila Buzzell after an odd May 7 election, the write-in nominee Tripp

learned that he is now a selectman as well.

Tripp's 111 votes were enough to get him past fellow write-in candidate Ron Ryel, who earned 83 votes. The news

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Annual one day festival in West Brookfield tomorrow

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WEST BROOKFIELD – Even though the official start of summer isn't until June, residents from throughout the area always ring in the summertime fun with a longtime festival in town.

The annual Asparagus and Flower Heritage Festival is set for Saturday, May 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the town common. The event regularly draws around 10,000 people to town to check out dozens of crafters and food selections. For a town whose popula-

tion is under 4,000, the event is not only a boon for vendors at the festival but also restaurants and businesses along Routes 9 and 67.

The event also showcases the community to guests who visit from across New England.

"The Asparagus Festival is a great event that has become known far and wide," said Ed Londergan, the vice president of the Quaboag Historical Society. "At last year's festival, I talk-

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Spencer plans collection day for electronics

On Saturday, May 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the town of Spencer's Office of Utilities & Facilities will host a computer component, television, microwave, printer, copier, and any other electronic components collection day at the Spencer Highway Garage, 7 Meadow Road.

These items are banned from the normal waste stream and with only two days a year to dispose of these items Spencer residents should avail themselves of this opportunity. All surrounding communities are welcome to

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First step to ed reform passes

BOSTON – On Thursday, students, parents, and teachers filled the State House as the Massachusetts Senate unanimously voted to pass a key education reform bill to update the state's 25-year-old funding formula.

The bill, An Act Modernizing the Foundation Budget for the 21st Century (S.2506), was introduced by Senator

Sonia Chang-Diaz (D-Boston) and was co-sponsored by 36 senators. The bill would implement the recommendations of the bipartisan Foundation Budget Review Commission which found the foundation budget formula is drasti-

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BROOKFIELD GARDEN CLUB
COME TO OUR PLANT SALE Saturday, May 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Brookfield Common. A large variety of plants from our members' gardens as well as local nurseries. Come and look for what will grow best in "your" garden. The Brookfield Agriculture Commission will be there with their tractors to parade around the Common and will be parking along Common Street. They will also be "giving away" pumpkin and flower growing kits for children. Garden Club members will be there to assist with your purchases.

ASPARAGUS FESTIVAL THIS WEEKEND
West Brookfield Asparagus Festival on Saturday, May 19 on the West Brookfield Common, Routes 9 & 67, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free Shuttle bus from town garage at junction of Ware and Central streets; event free and open to

the public. Meet Diederick Leertouwer, Ed the Wizard, Clowns for Kidz, animals for petting, food, wonderful food. Free games for kids, face painting, 100 juried vendors of wonderful things to take home.

Bring your own frog to jump at 1:30. Everything of the earth, arts and artisanal. help the blacksmith make a nail and stamp it with your initials. Listen to music, visit asparagus alley, savor the home baked pies. Fun, Fun, Fun!

BERTHIAUME OFFICE HOURS
State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume will hold office hours Thursday, May 17 at East Brookfield Senior Center at 11:00 am. Constituents and town officials are invited to meet with him to express any concerns, ideas, or issues that they may need assistance with. Please feel free to contact Donna if you would like a private meeting. 774-402-4742

THE SOUND OF MUSIC
On Tuesday, June 26 at 10:30 a.m.

at Senior Living at Prouty, 195 Main St., Spencer, join Jean Strauss of East Brookfield as she shares behind the scenes stories of one of the most beloved films of all time. Jean has written two books with Charmian Carr (who played Lisl von Trapp) and is a font of information. The program is free and open to the public. Parking and entrance on Pope Street, off Grove Street. Call (617) 431-4937 to reserve a seat or questions.

FLEA MARKET & CRAFT FAIR
Women of Christ Church, Rochdale will hold its 6th annual Flea Market and Craft Fair Saturday, June 2 from 9 a.m-2 p.m., 1089 Stafford St. There will be something for everyone; beautifully handcrafted items, seasonal plants and honey products, attic treasures, collectibles, household items, a fabric tent sale, crafting items and much more. There will be multiple tables offering many great finds donated by Christ Church members. A snack and lunch

bar will be available throughout the day offering freshly made items. In the event of inclement weather, vendors with or without tents will be able to set up in the Parish Hall. For more information or to obtain a registration form to reserve a space, please contact Susan at (508)864-0660 or steixeira925@gmail.com.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
WORCESTER – Jacqueline Andrade, of Spencer has been inducted into the Chi Alpha Sigma honor society at Becker College. Andrade is pursuing a degree in veterinary science, pre-veterinary concentration. Chi Alpha Sigma, the National College Athlete Honor Society, recognizes junior and senior student-athletes who maintained a 3.4-4.0 GPA and earned a letter in their sport.

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Volunteers support other organizations through hard work



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Leicester Selectman Harry Brooks and Michelle Herbert, a Special Olympics representative, receive a check from Father Rob Loftus, who represented the Deja New shop.

LEICESTER – The Deja New shop isn’t just providing new homes to antiques and collectibles. The volunteer-run setup is giving new hope to people throughout the community.

Following a successful opening year in business, the Deja New staff recently announced it has provided financial support to a number of local organizations, including the Leicester Special Olympics and Project New Hope. Both organizations received \$250 for their programs.

The Leicester Special Olympics will be held on Friday, May 18, beginning at 9 a.m. at Leicester Primary School. Athletes from Auburn, Leicester, North Brookfield, the Nazareth School for Boys, and the Southern Worcester Collaborative

School will take part in a fun day of sporting events and games.

Project New Hope provides assistance to veterans struggling with PTSD, chronic pain, suicidal thoughts, depression, and other adversities following their deployments. The organization’s focus is on helping those who served to rebuild their lives and prepare for the next chapter.

A unique marketplace located in a Victorian house in town at 759 Main St., Deja New reopened to the public earlier this month. In addition to the antiques, arts, and collectibles that were offered last year, the staff is adding new and gently used home furnishings, appliances, and toys to the 2018 lineup.

The consignment marketplace model works by enabling crafters, artists and business owners to rent individual spaces within the building. Proceeds from vendor rental spaces support several other local charitable organizations each year, including the Leicester chapter of Hearts for Heat.

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capped off a highly successful day for Tripp, who ran unopposed for Planning Board re-election.

Tripp could not be reached for comment by press time. Several town officials said they couldn’t remember the last time, if ever, a write-in candidate was elected to the Board for a three-year term. This year, however, it was a foregone conclusion, as former Board of Selectmen chairman Eric Hevy did not run for re-election and no one pulled papers announcing their candidacy for the seat.

North Brookfield is one of several


communities in the region with uncontested elections for selectmen seats this spring, with Leicester added to the list last week. Brookfield did not see an opponent for its incumbent selectman, either. Several officials in the Route 9 corridor are concerned about the declining interest in municipal service, a disturbing trend throughout the state.

“It’s not just the selectmen positions that are a problem. There is a lack of interest in boards and commissions in general,” said North Brookfield Selectman Dale Kiley. “Our town recently tried to have a disabilities commission, but we weren’t able to get the five people needed to form the commission. It’s unfortunate to see this happening in a lot of other towns as well.”

In other election news, Ruth Honthumb and Elisabeth Melad each earned uncontested election to the School Committee. In total, 333 voters cast ballots at the election, Buzzell said (11 percent of the town’s 3,154 registered voters).

Meanwhile, at the May 11 annual town meeting, members overwhelmingly defeated an article seeking a moratorium on recreational marijuana in town until Dec. 31. Members also voted to cap the number of commercial solar arrays in town to 14, with municipal arrays exempt from that total. Additional solar bylaw language was added at town meeting, and all financial articles passed with minimal discussion.

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A night at the prom for generations of senior



Kevin Flanders photos

Leicester High School National Honor Society students enjoyed two proms this year, first the school prom and then the Senior Prom at the Leicester Senior Center. Students provided several volunteer efforts to make the event happen.



Dolores Fairbanks, last year's prom queen, enjoys her final night with the crown before handing it off to a new queen.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – They may not be teenagers anymore, but seniors showed last week that you don't have to be in high school to enjoy prom night festivities.

Now in its second year, the Senior Prom once again brought out several guests dressed to the nines on May 11. The Senior Center program included a pasta dinner, live music, dancing, gifts for attendees, and of course the naming of prom king and queen. For staff members and seniors alike, the event has become one of the highlights of their year.

"This event is always so much fun for the seniors. They really enjoy dressing up and seeing each other," said Senior Center Director Rachelle Cloutier.

Sponsored by the Camosse Foundation in Charlton, which has been supporting programs at the Senior Center for over a year, the event always



Seniors get ready to hit the dance floor.

receives strong assistance from volunteers. National Honor Society members from Leicester High School helped with a number of tasks, and Selectman Harry Brooks kept everyone well fed for the second straight year with his famous pasta dinner.

After an LHS student came up with the idea for the prom last year, it means a lot to the seniors to see a new group of students getting involved to keep the tradition alive. Cloutier continues to expand her lineup of intergenerational programs, including bringing students into the Senior Center as part of a French conversation class, among other programs. And the students are always eager to develop relationships with seniors.

"It's great that the high school kids come here and volunteer. They even dance with the seniors who are alone," Brooks said.

Added Cloutier, "We always get tremendous support from the students. It doesn't matter if we are having our

veterans breakfast or our senior prom, they always want to help."

Chosen randomly out of a hat, this year's prom queen and king were Lodie Richard and Rocky Durocher. Last year's queen, Dolores Fairbanks, was in attendance as well to officially hand off the crown and give bragging rights to Richard for the upcoming year.

The Senior Center staff thanks everyone who came together to make the event possible, including volunteers and staff members who made the preparations. Tom Rull, the musical entertainer, was also thanked for his efforts in bringing the magic of prom night to seniors.

Funding for the event was also provided by the local arts council. The Senior Center staff has already committed to returning prom for a third straight year next spring, and seniors have plenty of time to choose their outfits.

For more information about upcoming programs at the Senior Center, call (508) 892-7016.



Kevin Flanders photo

Wendy Berthiaume (third from left) emerged victorious on Election Day after receiving strong support from residents and local legislators, including State Representatives Kate Campanale (left) and Peter Durant.

BERTHIAUME

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Though Berthiaume is new on the Board, her name is plenty familiar around town hall. Her husband, State Representative Donald Berthiaume, previously served on the Spencer Board before establishing himself at the state level. On election day, Wendy Berthiaume received several endorsements from local and state legislators, with State Representatives Kate Campanale (Leicester) and Peter Durant

(Spencer) holding signs to support her.

Woodbury, who is also well-versed in town affairs, served on the selectboard from 2014-17 before losing his bid for re-election last year to Warren Monette. Woodbury went up against a new opponent this year in an attempt to return to the board, but the result was painfully familiar. He continues to serve on the Finance Committee and the Economic Development Committee.

"As I am disappointed with the election results, I wish Ms. Berthiaume all the best," Woodbury said. "We all want to win, but sometimes that does not happen. I would like to thank the voters who voted for me, as I greatly appreciate the support. This is just a pause in my serving this great town that I so dearly love. I will look to give back in other ways to the community."

In other election news, Laura Torti returns as town clerk after running unopposed. Lee Jarvis, also unopposed, continues as a member of the Board of Health.

In total, 734 ballots were cast at the election, a nine percent voter turnout. According to town records, 7,738 residents are registered to vote in Spencer.



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May Real Estate Market Update

According to Bankrate.com as of 05/13/2018 the rate on a 30 year fixed loan was 4.42% which is up slightly from last month. The Fed chose to keep the interest rate steady for may but may choose to raise rates in June. The knowledge that rates will continue to rise is causing buyers to buy before getting priced out of the market. The low inventory is also causing buyers to make quicker buying decisions and maybe paying more so they do not lose the home.

Today we have 1538 single family homes for sale in Worcester County compared to 6 months ago where we had 1800 and only 1322 last month at this

time. Inventory did tick up about 16% from this time last month which is normal this time of year. If we look back to 12 months ago we had 1661 homes for sale in Worcester County which shows a 7.4% decrease in inventory year over year. The average days on market is currently 100 days which is a 15.3% decrease in days on market from last month. This shows that homes are continuing to sell quicker and most likely



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older inventory is starting to sell as well. If we look at homes sold over past 12 months compared to the same time for the previous year there is an almost 0.3% increase in sales and a 6.1% increase in average sales price while it is taking 17.6% less time to sell the homes this year than last year in Worcester County. This shows that prices are still rising and homes are still selling quicker than a year ago. It is also showing that sales are slowing down due to low inventory since we only had a 0.3% increase in

sales compared to last year and last month it was 1.6%.

The numbers again are all positive and showing continued growth, the one big sign is that the growth is sales is slowing and will may see that number negative very soon which is caused by the low inventory. It is important to hire a Realtor familiar with your market especially in this market where it seems you can just put a sign out front and get a bunch of offers. The right agent will ensure you get the most money for the house in the shortest amount of time.

Safe driving tips

Did you know a few years ago an insurance report revealed drivers in nearby Worcester were named among the worse drivers in America! According to that study, Worcester drivers got in auto accidents once every 4.3 years, which makes them 134.8 percent more liable to crash their cars than the average American!

With these stats in mind the following “safe driving tips” from AAA and other sources, are offered.

This time of year bright sun glare is a common problem, especially just after sunrise and prior to sunset. If you find yourself driving with the sun shining in your eyes, try these tips:

- *Check out polarized sunglasses, studies show they really do decrease glare.
- *Don’t forget to utilize your sun visor. If necessary invest in an inexpensive sun shield that attaches to the visor and provides more shade.

*When the sun is interfering with your vision, practice proactive safety. Back off from the car in front of you to leave more room (and more reaction time) between you and the other vehicle.

- * Make sure your windshield is crystal clear. Dirt and smudges increase glare from the sun’s rays.
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TRAINOR

your tire pressure is up to par. Correct tire pressure aids in preventing slipping and sliding on rain soaked roads. Note: Tire pressure often drops in cold weather.

*Above all, don’t use cruise control! When utilized in wet weather, the loss of acceleration control can prevent a safe reduction in speed.

*Did you know hydroplaning can be prevented simply by slowing down? Here is an eye opening fact from AAA: With as little as 1/12 inch of water on the road, tires have to displace a gallon of water per second to keep the rubber meeting the road. Drivers should reduce their speed to correspond to the amount of water on the roadway. At speeds as low as 35 mph, new tires can still lose some contact with the roadway.

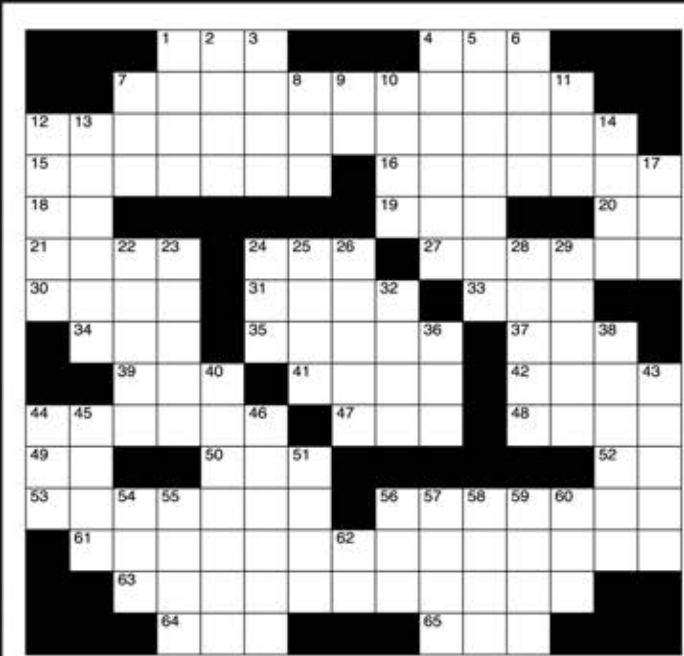
*OK, so you find yourself skidding in wet weather. What to do? According to AAA you should: Continue to look and steer in the direction in which the driver wants the car to go. Avoid slamming on the brakes as this will further upset the vehicle’s balance and make it harder to control.

never pull over the side of the road. Instead, find an open parking lot where you feel you can safely take a snooze.

Win Dinner for Two

Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I’m in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I’m counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press publications? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint, c/o Stonebridge Press, PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550. Or e-mail kdr@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for a three course dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn!



CLUES ACROSS

1. Small lump

4. Helps little firms

7. A way of performing

12. Lawyers

15. Stirred up

16. Believed in

18. The Bay State (abbr.)

19. Makes computers

20. Sodium

21. As fast as can be done (abbr.)

24. Institute legal proceedings against

27. More compact

30. Ethiopian river

31. Quantitative fact

33. No (Scottish)

34. A concession of no great value

35. Tony-winning actress Daisy
37. More (Spanish)

39. Russian space station

41. Helicopter

42. At the peak

44. Makes ecstatically happy

47. Excellent

48. Material body

49. The Golden State (abbr.)

50. A unit of plane angle

52. Argon

53. Fancy

56. Fried mixture of meat and spices

61. How green plants use sunlight

63. Without wills

64. Unhappy

65. Meat from a pig’s leg

CLUES DOWN

1. Mentor

2. Lyric poems

3. A dry cold north wind in Switzerland

4. Trapped

5. Used for road surfacing

6. Cuckoos

7. Prefix “away from”

8. Seth McFarlane comedy

9. Not out

10. “The Simpsons” bus driver

11. Popular HBO drama (abbr.)

12. Acclaimed Indian physicist

13. Removes

14. One-name NBA player

17. Revolutionary women

22. Smell

23. Ground-dwelling songbird

24. Midway between south and southeast

25. American state
26. Keen

28. Khoikhoi peoples

29. Int’l defense organization

32. Samoan money

36. A sign of assent

38. One from Somalia

40. Boat race

43. Trims

44. French coins

45. Indigenous Scandinavian

46. Flew alone

51. Loch where a “monster” lives

54. Japanese title

55. Pros and ____

56. Present in all living cells

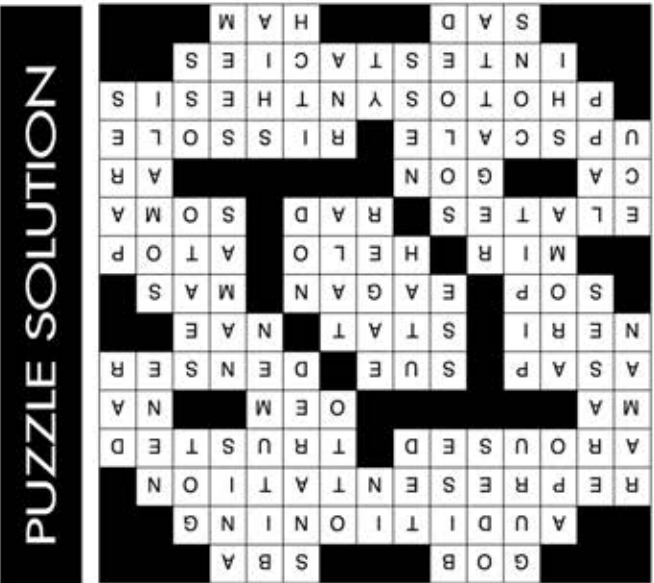
57. Something to scratch

58. Branch of Islam

59. Appear

60. Former CIA

62. Yukon Territory



Your Dental Health

by Edward Larkin D.M.D.



WANNA SIP?

Many foods and drinks, particularly fruit juices and sodas, contain acids that erode the enamel on teeth. As a result of this tooth erosion, loss of the protective enamel on the outer surface of your teeth can lead to tooth sensitivity, discoloration, and even tooth loss. However, some individuals who consume acidic drinks do not experience tooth erosion. To find out why, researchers conducted a study that analyzed the participants’ drinking habits (including the frequency, timing, and duration of dietary acid consumption). They found that sipping acidic drinks and swishing them in the mouth were associated with increased risk of dental erosion. The best way to minimize tooth enamel’s exposure to acidic drinks is to use a straw.

Prevention is the keystone of good dental health. Through avoiding tooth-harming foods and beverages, regular visits with the hygienist and dentist, plus good habits like proper brushing and flossing at home, we have more control than ever before over the health of our teeth and gums. We’ll help at **NINE WEST MAIN DENTAL** by providing dental care of the highest quality by extremely qualified staff members. Office hours are by appointment at **9 West Main St., West Brookfield.** We welcome your call at **508.867.2777.**

P.S. Research shows that sugar-free soda is just as erosive for teeth as sugar-sweetened soda, and hot drinks have greater erosive potential than cold drinks.

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- \$55,000 Adams Rd #7, Lussier Enterprises LLC, to Keyes, Nicholas, and Haight, Angela.

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Treasure buried in Spencer hills



Kim Maschi photos

Scenery from the Trappist monastery is a calming, serene tapestry.

BY KIMBERLY MASCHI
STONEBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

SPENCER — Put down your phones, close your tablets, turn off the television and venture on an alluring quest to the great outdoors. There are many wonders to see in the town of Spencer. At 167 North Spencer Road, there is a small parking lot adjacent to a modest gift shop. Park your motorized vehicle, protect yourself with some suntan lotion, give a little spritz of the bug spray, grab a bottle of water, and journey north.

Follow the road and be wary of the scarce traffic. Peek into the shadows to see ancient rock walls and structures built by nature and man. You will soon pass over a rolling brook. Careful, baby turtles tend to cross the road; help them along if you can. Little white flowers dust the lush green grass all along the path. Tall maples, pines, and oaks hold secrets from those who reside at the top of the hills. Soon you will come to a fork on the road, bear right, to the left is the brewery and you can only venture there when invited on tour.

Stay strong and stay on track, you can do this. Climb up hill and take in the views of the vast knolls and soaring curves of green. Soak in the amaz- ingness that is uncultivated land, no buildings, no power lines, no hustle and bustle, just land, forest, blue sky, and you. Breathe, and enjoy the freshness that is nature, no pollution, no noise, just a special place with rich history and meaningful scenes.

You are half way to the Trappist Monks stone Abbey.

Once you pass over the last hill, you will see the great stone roof and golden cross. The building transports you to another time. A time where the noise of traffic was non-existent, where horse and buggies roamed graveled streets and your imagination can take you wherever you wish to go. Each brick and iron workings tell you a story. The cherry blossom trees allow for the whimsy of this holy place to take you away from your troubles.

How can anything bother you when you are in a place like this? A giant stone silo looks over an enormously vast field. Trees and sky are all you can see for miles and it can give you com- fort to know that there are still places like this in the world. Untouched by man and welcoming to those who will respect nature. Take a seat on one of the benches and enjoy the quiet. Rest and admire the history of this beautiful place. Peek at every brick in the build- ings, there are mosaics and designs hidden. Follow the trails and know you step where these very special monks have stepped for decades.

Really be in this place, place yourself among them and belong for just a little while.

When you feel content, and had your fill of lovely, venture back downhill. The way down is easier than the way up. Know this place will always be here for you if you need it.

Visit the quaint gift shop and peruse



the Trappist Monks many jarred jellies and jams. Pick up a jar of cranberry, it is resident Aimee Jones' favorite.

"I love their local quality made jams," says Jones.

There are various prayer books, can- dles, and handmade pottery for sale. The pottery is handcrafted by the Trappists Monks and are each unique and valuable. You can gain knowledge from the guides in the bookshop, buy a bottle of holy water, or a spiritual neck- lace. This spot is a wonderful addition to those local and yonder to enjoy. Keep it clean, respect the land, and respect those who live there.

In 1950, eighty monks took ownership of the property in Spencer, they grew in numbers and began to make this serene spot their home. St. Joseph's Abbey is a place where prayers are recited, ale is made, and jams are created. The Abbey is rich with history and culture. A day in the life of one of these Monks consists of work, rest, and prayers. If you would like to join these monks in prayer, you can become a welcomed guest during their prayer times. For more informa- tion visit www.spencerabbey.org/visiting-the-abbey.

Back at it once more: seamstress ready for business

BY AMY PAUL
STONEBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Maria's Sewing is back! After a 7-month hiatus taken to undergo and heal from rota- tor cuff surgery, Maria Keefe has re-opened her reputable Mechanic Street, Spencer busi- ness. And, neither Maria nor her customers could be happi- er about it.

Born and raised in Columbia, South America, Maria never thought she would own and operate a sewing business, "I learned to sew at age eighteen while working in Columbia at a jeans-making factory for one year. This job put me through dentistry school. I was a den- tist and nurse in my village in Columbia for twenty years, traveling to people's houses to meet medical needs."

Moving from Columbia to Spencer 19 years ago because she loved to travel and wanted to try something new, Maria first worked in Worcester hired as a dentist, "I had two small boys and between gas, daycare, taxes and everything

else I was not bringing home much money. Then I discov- ered I was pregnant with my daughter and realized I needed a change."

Her desire for a lifestyle change helped her to realize and capitalize on another of her many skills: sewing. She firmed her decision upon noticing there was a need in the Spencer area for a seamstress.

Opening her first shop on Main Street, in the tiny, cigar shop's location, Maria stayed for a year and a half. She then moved to a three-room space behind Appleblossom's, staying there for two years. Finally, finding the perfect space in her current location, she has called it home for the last seven years.

Celebrating twelve years this past May 12th, Maria is eager to serve new and previous customers in all their needs, "People bring ideas and I make them."

Maria is again offering

alterations beginning at \$5 per piece; though she offers a wide variety of sewing skills to meet customers' needs. In fact, in the span of only a few days, she has altered five prom dresses and boasts a full rack of projects.

"Everyone is so happy that I am open again. I am too. I missed my customers the most; they are so nice and very sup- portive. My customers are my friends. It feels great to be back!" she smiles.

Maria's Sewing hours have changed and are now Monday- Friday 9-4, and Saturdays 9-2. Stop by the shop for more information or call Maria at 508-885-4281.



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Maria Keefe is back at her machine

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Friday’s Child



Hi! My name is Izaquiel and I have a fun personality!

Izaq is a sweet, caring and inquisitive boy of Hispanic descent. Those who meet him immediately notice how funny, warm and engaging he is. Izaq is eager to please, and enjoys talking to and playing games with adults. He also loves cooking, cars, Legos, Pokémon, and playing on his computer. When asked what he wants to be when he grows up, he talks about wanting to help others and one of his dreams is to become an ambulance driver. Izaq responds well to praise and positive attention, and talks

often about his desire to find a family who will love him.

At school Izaq receives extra support to help him catch up to his peers. His teachers describe him as eager to learn and to do well. In class, Izaq loves to be in a teaching position with his peers and is eager to share his knowledge. He volunteers often to read out loud and to go to the board.

Ready for adoption, Izaq is looking forward to finding a caring and permanent family that will love him unconditionally. An ideal family will provide Izaq with structure and consistency. His social worker is open to exploring a family of any constellation, including single-parent homes, as long as they have a strong support system in place. However, Izaq will do best in a family with at least one male parent, and where he can be the only or significantly youngest child in the home. A family should be open to helping Izaq make a slow transition from his current placement to a family setting.

Who Can Adopt?

Can you provide the guidance, love and stability that a child needs? If you’re at least 18 years old, have a stable source of income, and room in your heart, you may be a perfect match to adopt a waiting child. Adoptive parents can be single, married, or partnered; experienced or not; renters or homeowners; LGBTQ singles and couples.

The process to adopt a child from foster care requires training, interviews, and home visits to determine if adoption is right for you, and if so, to help connect you with a child or sibling group that your family will be a good match for.

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This agency covers the six-town area of Southbridge, Sturbridge, Charlton, Webster, Dudley and Oxford. For more than 40 years, LVSCM has helped residents to open new doors of opportunity by teaching them to read, write and speak English.

“In 2017, we provided instruction to over 150 adults with plans to grow that number in 2018. We rely on grant monies and support of community organizations, such as Sturbridge Rotary, to enable us to carry on our mission,” says Holly Christo, executive director.

As an all-volunteer organization, LVSCM aims to reach people who may not have been able to attend classroom programs due to common issues such as scheduling, childcare, transportation, or lack of funds.

“We’re happy to support Literacy Volunteers with funds from our educational trust account. Providing education fits into one of our focus areas as Rotarians,” stated Past District Governor, Klaus Hachfeld.

The Sturbridge Rotary Club has been providing humanitarian service to the local and international community for over 45 years. Club members develop community service projects that address many of today’s most critical issues including hunger, as well as support programs for youth, educational opportunities and international exchanges for students and other professionals. The Rotary motto is “Service Above Self.” Find more of what Sturbridge Rotary does by visiting our website at www.sturbridgerotary.org. Also check out the Club’s Facebook page and “Like” us at www.facebook.com/sturbridgerotary.

Steuben Glass



TREASURES IN YOUR HOME PAUL JOSEPH

Glass and china prices have dropped considerably since I started selling antiques over 30 years ago. Fortunately, some types remain popular with collectors. Sandwich glass was made by the Boston and Sandwich Glass Company between 1825 and 1888. Cut overlay oil lamps can bring thousands of dollars at auction. Modern glass can also bring strong prices. Rare artist signed Murano pieces can bring five figure sums. Around the turn of the century, several companies were producing high quality art glass. Louis Comfort Tiffany created glass from 1875 to 1932. Tiffany Studios glass is highly desirable with a Tiffany lamp selling for \$2.8 million in 1997. René Lalique began producing objects of art from glass in the studio he opened in 1905. A Lalique auction record was set in 1990 when a fountain sold for \$1.1 million. Steuben Glass was founded in 1903, and I will

focus on them in this column. Rarer Steuben pieces can sell in the tens of thousands. Steuben Glass Company was founded in Corning, New York by Thomas G. Hawkes, who was an engraver, and by Frederick Carder, who was a glassmaker. Corning is located in Steuben County, which was used for the company name. The firm started by creating the colorful glass art nouveau glass that was typical of the era, according to the Steuben Company website. In 1932 Steuben developed “a glass with an exceptionally high refractive index that throws off an extraordinary rainbow of color.” The brilliant finish became Steuben’s hallmark and continues today. The following year Steuben focused entirely on the new brilliant crystal and phased out the other glass patterns they produced. Steuben opened their first store in New York City in 1934. In 1935 Sidney Waugh’s Gazelle bowl incorporated Steuben’s first engraved design. Steuben’s manufacturing method of “blowing, cutting, polishing, and copper-wheel engraving” produced the weighty objects with elements that embellished the basic form. Their glass became highly acclaimed. In 1938 four pieces were added to the permanent

collection of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Steuben was shown at the “World of Tomorrow” exhibit at the 1939 New York World’s Fair. The New York Steuben store invited 27 contemporary artists to exhibit their works along with Steuben sculptures in 1940. Artists included Henri Matisse, Georgia O’Keeffe, Isamu Noguchi, and Salvadore Dali. In 1953 Steuben became the only American glassworks to be included in L’Art Du Verre at the Louvre Museum in Paris. Several presidents have presented Steuben crystal as gifts to dignitaries of other countries. Martin Luther King Jr. was presented with a Steuben bowl when he won the Nobel Peace prize in 1964. Ronald Reagan presented Princess Charles and Princess Diana with an engraved bowl as a wedding gift. Some Steuben glass can be purchased for well under \$100. However, many pieces can bring much more. A Paul Schulze design of New York from 1984 sold for \$22,000 at auction last year. A rare circa 1908-12 red and alabaster leaded glass vase also brought \$22,000 at auction in 2016. A 1959 Moby Dick glass sculpture that was designed by Donald Pollard and engraved



by Sidney Waugh went for a whale of a price when it sold for \$17,000 at auction in 2017. We will be offering several pieces of Steuben Glass in our antique estates auction in Worcester on May 31st. That auction will feature a large Lionel train collection at 5:30 PM. The main auction begins at 6:30. The preview for the Weymouth, MA online auction that includes a Harley Davidson motorcycle and two Chevrolet Suburbans takes place on May 19th. The estate

sale at the Westborough farm runs on June 2nd and 3rd. See www.centralmassauctions.com for details on these and other upcoming events.

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MWCC inducts members to international honor society Phi Theta Kappa

GARDNER – MWCC’s Phi Delta Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa international honor society inducted new members and presented sizeable donations to community service organizations last week. During the chapter’s induction ceremony on May 3, the newest members of the organization were inducted into the honor society for high-achieving community college students. In addition to the ceremony, chapter officers and members presented a \$750 check to the Gardner Community Action Council and a \$750 check to the student-run Students Serving Our Students program at MWCC. The funds were raised at the recent PTK Character Breakfast. Founded in 1918, Phi Theta Kappa recognizes and encourages the academic achieve-



Courtesy photo
Some of the newest members of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society are pictured with PTK officers following their induction on Thursday, May 3.

ment of two-year college students and provides opportunities for personal, academic and professional growth through participation in honors, leadership, service and fellowship programming. This year’s new inductees include: Ashburnham: Sarah White; Athol: Elizabeth Gagnon, Jordan Lapriore, and Donna Songer; Ayer: Elizabeth

Jones, Jonathan Malloy, and Stephanie Whitney; Baldwinville: Rachel Fortier; Bolton: Kayleigh Cavanaugh; Brookfield: Natasha Austin; Dunstable: Alison Ralls and Jeremy Ralls; Fitchburg: Djihane Abdelkebir, Jumily Bourommavon, Nathalie Castro Da Rosa, Nana Curran, and Thomas Moser; Gardner: David Belitsky, Brendan Conlin, Brittany Dunn, Andrew Ferreira, Timothy Landry, and Jamika Nance-Garcia; Hubbardston: Ava Nordstrom-Learnard; Jaffrey: Margaret Hart-Smith; Lancaster: Evan Silverberg; Leominster: Romolo Cataldo, Erica Frazier, Luke Mann, Anysmarie Santiago, and Justin Soulliere; Lunenburg: Derek Cabral, Brett Hamel, Natalia Lamanna, Gail Mercier, Isabel Salvatore, Jillian Smith, and Shantel Woodson; New Ipswich, NH:

Lisa Nuttall; Norwood: Robert Sorenson; Orange: Terri Alden, Meghan Doyle, and Aria Flematti; Pepperell: Samantha Archer and Jordan Hasbrouck; Phillipston: Olivia Howes; Rindge: Olivia Luhtjarv; Royalston: Michael Young; Rutland: Hannah Greenwood; Shirley: Sarah Mello; Shrewsbury: Shivangi Patel; Spencer: Kasey Kirby; Sterling: Kelly Devillers; Templeton: Timothy Cosgrove; Townsend: Dan Baboci, Ross Cote, Kaitlyn Fales, Alexa Nogueira, Melissa Senecal; Westborough: Zackery Tram; Westminster: Katelyn Coleman, Marco Giannunzio, David Mei, and Samantha Shippell Stiles; Winchendon: Webster Batista-Lin, Molly Garno, Michael LeBlanc, Jacob Van Hillo; Worcester: Joyce Amankwah.

Police plan more presence in schools to empower students

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER
SPENCER – Police understand better than anyone that by the time a drug-related arrest occurs, it’s often too late to address the problem. With an emphasis on proactive prevention, police continue to combat drug addiction before it even starts. Earlier this month, Spencer Police Sgt. James Murray visited David Prouty High School to discuss with freshmen the dangers of opioids and other drugs. Murray and his colleagues are no strangers to DPHS and Knox Trail Middle School, regularly visiting the schools as part of an expanding outreach education program. The goal isn’t to scare students, police said, but instead to alert them to the threats they will eventually encounter in high school, college, or even in the workplace. By educating them early, police hope to empower kids to make safe decisions for them-

selves and their friends. Students can also share the information they learn with family members who may be struggling with an addiction problem. “Starting the information war must begin early, as knowledge is the enemy of drug abuse,” said Spencer Police Chief David Darrin. “Dependence and addiction in adults is far more likely to occur when use begins before the age of eighteen. When drug use begins in the teenage years, negative effects to memory and learning functions are likely.” Darrin and his staff have seen positive results in the last two years after an expansive community program combating opioids. This has

included multiple school visits, an informational panel for residents, and several other outreach events. One of the department’s major goals has been to reduce the stigma surrounding drugs and let residents know that multiple resources are available to provide help. Local drug recovery programs and counselors have also teamed up with police to make residents aware of their services. The results have included fewer overdose deaths in town over the last two years, but police know they can’t

afford to relent in their mission. During the past year-plus, the department has held several educational events at the schools – and students are getting the message. A few of the programs featured a guest speaker from Spencer who battled addiction during his high school years and overcame multiple challenges. Other events have brought police officers into the schools to educate students and form bonds. It’s especially important for freshmen to create those rela-

tionships early in their careers, school officials said. “Sgt. Murray emphasized that the role of the police has changed through the [opioid] epidemic, and that they are working to save lives and prevent addiction through treatment programs, as opposed to simply putting users in jail,” DPHS Principal Elizabeth York said. “He also encouraged the students to talk to a trusted adult if they are worried about a

friend or a family member. This was a valuable experience for the young students, and a first step toward building a positive relationship between students and the police department.” Looking ahead, police are eager to continue bolstering their relationship with students, parents, and school leaders. The DPHS staff thanks Sgt. Murray and the SPD for their presence in the school.

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Name: Dexter
Breed: Maine Coon/Mix
Sex: Male
Age: Adult

My name is Dexter. I am one handsome dude. I do have some idiosyncrasies in my personality which the shelter staff will discuss with any potential adopter. I am friendly, Inquisitive (nos-e-y) and love attention (in small doses). I am very compatible with the other cats at the shelter but not too crazy about dogs. I was a stray before coming to the shelter and I have a huge desire to go outside. The shelter staff feels that I would do best in a home where I could be an inside/outside pet. A home with adults only would be best. I need a new home with a person who has previous "cat experience."


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Preaching to the choir

Somewhere between fourth grade and college graduation, between learning about what the pieces that make up our government are and becoming actual adult citizens, we’ve let our children down.

Big time.

And it isn’t just the current generation.

Or the last two generations.

This has been coming on for a while.

There are a lot of factors, but one of the biggest is absolutely expectations.

We didn’t teach our kids to give back.

They heyday of service clubs like Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis and such was also a heyday for capitalism of course, and also after the second world war, when the men in gray flannel suits had agendas to meet.

One of which was to see and be seen.

And to do that, they became involved, they helped. They became members of local organizations, they got themselves elected to local office, and not only did capitalism prosper, so did local citizens and towns.

It didn’t last.

And we need it back, because every single town needs people on committees and boards; it needs people to coach youth sports; it needs people to do fundraising for good work; it needs people. (And certainly NOT only men in grey flannel).

And it means our towns themselves will find themselves floundering.

The answer is not paid boards and committees, stipends do not make for good “volunteers”, you will get people who do not care about the topic, only about the income.

And frankly, we cannot afford in any of the towns to go strictly with entirely paid staff; nor should we. The people of every town need to have input into the government of their town.

That is democracy.

We can’t leave it up to bureaucracy. That is not how our government works. But.

And here is the biggest obstacle of all.

Anyone reading this is nodding their head in agreement; yes, we understand this. We probably already work diligently at volunteering ourselves at one or more projects, at our church, at a non-profit we believe in, on a town board. We get it. And we are the newspaper readers so we aren’t the ones to target.

The question is, how do we get to those people who should hear this message? And how do we encourage them to rethink their lethargy? What will fire their enthusiasm? How can we, as those who understand the problem, encourage others to become involved?

Particularly younger people.

Our future.

Someone wryly asked the other day, “What if we threw an election and nobody came?”

Ouch.

Too close to home.

Any ideas? Let’s start a dialogue on this: ruth@stonebridgepress.news.

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VIEWPOINT

OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Newton: agree or disagree, time will tell

To the Editor:

A recent opinion expressed in the VIEWPOINT stated, among other things, that anyone who may have voted for Trump in the ‘16 election need to take personal responsibility for any of his (Trump’s) actions, dialogues, associations, and the overall ‘hostile atmosphere’ he and his staff has created. These voters, it seems, have placed this country on a precipice of a national disaster the likes of which have not been witnessed since Nazi Germany of the 1930s. Ouch, that one hurts.

Now, how does one go about responding to this? First I feel this comparison is a little bit of a reach and also feel slightly insulted considering that myself, along with countless other offspring of WWII veterans who fought overseas to put an end to the Nazi regime, may have voted for Trump hoping it was the correct decision. I don’t think that any one person, Trump included, can overturn the checks and balance system that our form of government is comprised of and which has survived wonderfully the past 250 years.

Is Trump’s behavior at times boorish and bordering on the obnoxious? Yes. Does he politically ‘shoot from the hip’ trying to hit the superlative home run all the time? Sure, I’ll give you that. Are some of you embarrassed that he represents the U.S. on the world stage? Without a doubt, but no more so than how others felt with Obama in office. Should he be held accountable, if proven, for any past abuses of women? Absolutely! (Good thing #MeToo didn’t exist in the early ‘90s.) I don’t condone these aspects of his persona, but personality traits aside the recent VIEWPOINT article was subjective in nature for the most part, which is fine, but provided little to say about any political decisions per se. Agree or disagree on his immigration policies, undoing NAFTA, getting out of the Iran nuclear deal, his handling of North Korea ~ time will be the best judge.

Two areas of concrete political consequence were mentioned, though, dealing with ‘illegal business and financial practices’ and ‘questionable campaign contributions, payments and practices.’ Again, if Trump is proven guilty of any wrongdoing concerning these questions he should be made to pay the ultimate price and be removed from office for abuse of powers. But before too many stones get thrown let’s check our own houses. I’ve stated before in previous letters to the editor that Trump’s victory in ‘16 was as much a mandate against his opponent as it was in his support. Does the Whitewater Scandal ring a bell? How about the Clinton Foundation’s contributions from of all places Russia, with a uranium twist to it? Not to mention other contributions from certain Arab states where woman’s and children’s rights are virtually nonexistent and where there are questionable ties to the terroristic movement? You see, innuendos work both ways. The point being is that if you dig deep enough just about everyone has something to hide, a sad commentary on today’s political scene. Having said all that, if a “do over” was held tomorrow with the very same two leading candidates, I’d have to vote the same way.

A little more than two years from now our country will yet have another opportunity to peacefully rebel and throw out our leader. All I ask is that those in opposition of our current ‘regime’ find a suitable replacement. Please! I’ll be first in line if I feel he/she gives our country the best possible outlook. My personal favorite is Nicki Haley. She is definitely all that and a bag of chips.

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The dangers of debt

Politicians and commentators these days like to point to an array of threats to our constitutional system. There’s one, though, that doesn’t get nearly as much attention as it should: our national debt.

We may not yet be in imminent danger of fiscal collapse, but we’re moving into uncharted waters. We are among the most indebted nations in the world, and it’s only getting worse. Thanks to our new tax law, we’re staring ahead at routine federal budget deficits north of \$1 trillion each year —compared to what now seems like a paltry \$665 billion in 2017.

As we look down the road to an aging population, rising entitlement costs, and skyrocketing interest payments, things promise to go from dismal to dire. In just five years, the head of the Congressional Budget Office warned a few weeks ago, we’ll be spending more on interest payments on the debt than we do on our entire military. By 2028, we’ll be closing in on \$1 trillion in interest payments alone each year.

We’re running these deficits at a time of full employment, when the economy is doing well. This is exactly the wrong time to be pressing on the accelerator, because when the downturn comes — which, inevitably, it will — we won’t have room to maneuver.

The more debt we accumulate, the more interest rates rise and the more our spending on debt serves to dampen economic growth. Small wonder that former Fed chair Janet Yellen told Congress last year that rising debt “is the type of thing that should keep people awake at night.”

The problem is not quite that nobody’s talking about the debt in Washington. They are. But it’s not a productive discussion — especially among the politicians who will need to roll up their sleeves and tackle it. They give lip service to debt and deficit reduction, but for the most part, each party is trying to blame the other.

This is not just a waste of time, it’s counter-productive. Because a problem of this duration, severity and complexity is not going to be solved without a bipartisan approach.

Tackling deficits and the debt always takes a back seat to other priorities: tax cuts and spending increases of all kinds and descriptions. Politicians fall prey to the temptation of saying that economic growth will save us — whether it’s spurred by tax cuts or spending increases. We’ve been fed this line for decades, and it hasn’t worked out yet.

To be sure, carefully targeted tax cuts and spending on investments in the economy’s underpinnings — infrastructure, say, or human development — can enhance economic growth. But we’ve had too much that was merely political fodder, and it’s done more harm than good.

What do we do about all of this?

“The time to repair the roof,” John F. Kennedy once said, “is when the sun is shining.”

That’s why it’s time right now, while the sun is shining on the economy, to repair our fiscal problems. We need to restrain the growth of spending, especially in entitlement programs. And we need to recognize that this most recent tax cut, with its fiscal stimulus and further explosion of debt, is exactly the wrong medicine.


Like a lot of problems, the longer we wait to act, the larger and more disruptive the eventual solution will need to be. We’re probably in the most fiscally irresponsible period in recent American history. Debt is a major threat to our preeminence in the world, since it constrains our ability to steer the economy and react forcefully to unexpected events. How we deal with it will be a real test of our constitutional system and our political system.

Can Congress and the President act against the popular grain to cut spending and raise taxes in the public interest? Can we, as citizens, demand credible action by our political leaders even when it hits us in our pocketbooks?

What we need to do is no secret: we have to spend less and tax more. This is very hard to do. But the system is not self-correcting. Unless Americans demand action, we will continue down our current road until, at some point, the pavement ends and the wheels come off.

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How can you meet your short-term goals?



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JEFF BURDICK

Why do you invest? If you’re like most people, you’d probably say that, among other things, you want to retire comfortably. Obviously, that’s a worthy long-term goal, requiring long-term investing. But as you journey through life, you’ll also have short-term goals, such as buying a second home, remodeling your kitchen or taking a much-needed vacation. Will you need to invest differently for these goals than you would for the long-term ones?

To answer that question, let’s first look at how you might invest to achieve your longer-term goals. For these goals, the key investment ingredient is growth – quite simply, you want your money to grow as much as possible over time. Consequently, you will likely want a good percentage of growth-oriented vehicles, such as stocks and other stock-based investments, to fund your 401(k), IRA or other accounts.

However, the flip side of growth is risk. Stocks and stock-based investments will always fluctuate in value – which means you could lose some, or even all, of your principal. Hopefully, though, by putting time on your side – that is, by holding your growth-oriented investments for decades – you can overcome the inevitable short-term price drops.

In short, when investing for long-term goals, you’re seeking significant growth and, in doing so, you’ll have to accept some degree of investment risk. But when you’re after short-term goals, the formula is somewhat different: You don’t need maximum growth potential as much as you need to be reasonably confident that a certain amount of money will be there for you at a certain time.

You may want to work with a financial professional to select the appropriate investments for your short-term goals. But, in general, you’ll need these investments to provide you with the following attributes:

Protection of principal – As mentioned above, when you own stocks, you have no assurance that your principal will be preserved; there’s no agency, no government office, guaranteeing that you won’t lose money. And even some of the investments best suited for short-term goals won’t come with full guarantees, either, but, by and large, they do offer you a reasonable amount of confidence that your principal will remain intact.

Liquidity – Some short-term investments have specific terms – i.e., two years, three years, five years, etc. – meaning you do have an incentive to hold these investments until they mature. Otherwise, if you cash out early, you might pay some price, such as loss of value or loss of the income produced by these investments. Nonetheless, these types of investments are usually not difficult to sell, either before they mature or at maturity, and this liquidity will be helpful to you when you need the money to meet your short-term goal.

Stability of issuer – Although most investments suitable for short-term goals do provide a high degree of preservation of principal, some of the issuers of these investments are stronger and more stable than others – and these strong and stable issuers are the ones you should stick with.

Ultimately, most of your investment efforts will probably go toward your long-term goals. But your short-term goals are still important – and the right investment strategy can help you work toward them.

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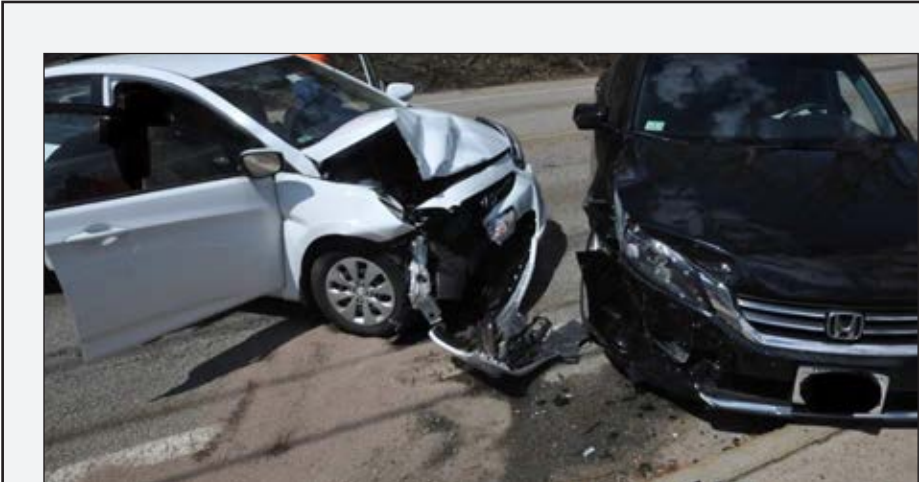
Leicester Police Department

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Police agencies can no longer print the names of people who are arrested or charged with domestic assault related charges. The new law is designed to protect victims, so they are not re-victimized through indirect identification.

THURSDAY, MAY 3

12:06 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning; 12:07 a.m.: suspicious person (Main Street), services rendered; 3:07 a.m.: ambulance (Marshall Street), transported; 7:34 a.m.: animal complaint (Henshaw Street), services rendered; 8:06 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), towed; 8:58 a.m.: erratic operation (Main Street), services rendered; 9:38 a.m.: parking complaint (Pleasant Street), unfounded; 9:53 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), service rendered; 10:19 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 10:24 a.m.: malicious mischief (Winslow Avenue), assisted; 12:33 p.m.: ambulance (Paxton Street), transported; 1:00 p.m.: suspicious activity (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 1:43 p.m.: assist other PD (Main Street), assisted; 2:04 p.m.: vandalism (Waite Street), spoken to; 2:06 p.m.: investigation (Edward Street), services rendered; 2:53 p.m.: assist other PD (Main Street), services rendered; 4:36 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:53 p.m.: assist other PD (Main Street), services rendered; 5:08 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), written warning; 5:13 p.m.: ambulance (Henshaw Street), services rendered; 5:19 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), written warning; 5:27 p.m.: trespassing (Mannville Street), services rendered; 5:41 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway),



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A two-car crash last week on Route 9 resulted in two people being hospitalized.

Two injured in Route 9 crash

LEICESTER – Two people were sent to the hospital last week following an afternoon wreck on Route 9.

The two-car crash occurred on May 9 around 2 p.m. A pair of occupants was hospitalized with non-life threatening injuries, police said.

Both vehicles had to be towed from the scene near 345 Main St., and the LPD officer investigating the wreck issued a traffic citation to one of the drivers. Police will announce at the conclusion of the investigation whether they plan to file charges.

written warning; 6:10 p.m.: mv stop (Mannville Street), verbal warning; 6:49 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), services rendered; 7:08 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), written warning; 7:37 p.m.: harassment (South Main Street), report taken; 8:38 p.m.: investigation (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 8:46 p.m.: assault (McCarthy Avenue), report taken; 10:32 p.m.: entire incident redacted from police log; 10:51 p.m.: welfare check (Parker Street), transported to hospital.

FRIDAY, MAY 4

12:54 a.m.: mv stop (Henshaw Street), name and address redacted from police log, uninsured mv, op w/revoked registration, towed; 1:49 a.m.: assist other

PD (out of town), services rendered; 7:40 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 8:40 a.m.: neighbor dispute (Main Street), services rendered; 9:16 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 9:53 a.m.: suspicious activity (Pine Ridge Drive), services rendered; 11:14 a.m.: assist citizen (Huntoon Memorial Highway), report taken; 1:55 p.m.: erratic operation (Pleasant Street), gone on arrival; 2:23 a.m.: ambulance (Paxton Street, Spencer), transported; 2:31 p.m.: welfare check (Deer Pond Drive), services rendered; 3:24 p.m.: assist citizen (Stafford Street); 4:05 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 4:16 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), written warning; 4:32 p.m.: mv stop

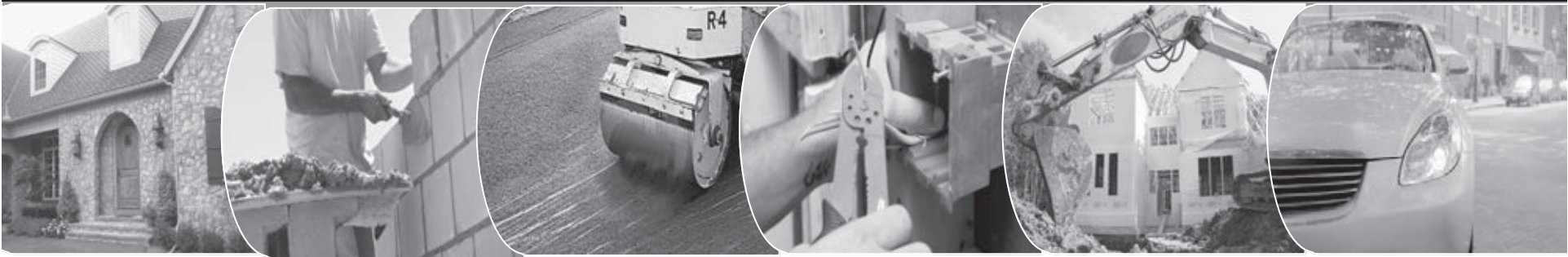
(Main Street), written warning; 4:44 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), written warning; 4:47 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), towed; 5:04 p.m.: erratic operation (Marshall Street), citation issued; 5:08 p.m.: ambulance (Dale Street), services rendered; 5:10 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), citation issued; 5:24 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 5:29 p.m.: assist citizen (Main Street), referred; 5:46 p.m.: mv stop (Auburn Street), written warning; 5:51 p.m.: mv stop (Pine Street), citation issued; 5:56 p.m.: assist citizen (Stafford Street), spoken to; 6:01 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 6:06 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 6:16 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 6:17 p.m.: mv stop (Pine Street), written warning; 7:06 p.m.: mv stop (Auburn Street), verbal warning; 8:03 p.m.: mc/ATV complaint (Bottomly Avenue), unable to locate; 8:39 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 8:42 p.m.: mv stop (Marshall Street), written warning; 9:00 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), services rendered.

SATURDAY, MAY 5

12:27 a.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), written warning; 12:49 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 12:51 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), dispersed group; 2:11 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 4:48 a.m.: ambulance (Grove Street), transported; 5:28 a.m.: assist citizen (Stafford Street), no service; 7:06 a.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported; 7:36 a.m.: debris in road (Paxton Street), services rendered; 9:00 a.m.: disturbance (Pine Street), message delivered; 10:15 a.m.: suspicious activity (Auburn Street), investigated; 10:26 a.m.: illegal dumping (Mannville Street), services rendered; 10:29 a.m.: summons service (Boyd Street), unable to serve; 10:35 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 11:07 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), services rendered; 11:55 a.m.: welfare check (Mannville Street) spoken to; 1:14 p.m.: mv stop

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BOULAY

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been humbling.”

Residents and town officials alike are thrilled to see Boulay re-elected. Many of them, including Senior Center staff members, held signs supporting Boulay on election day.

“He has been very supportive of the Senior Center. He comes in every week to say hello and see what the seniors need,” said Director Cheryl Brodak. “He even calls seniors when they haven’t been feeling well to see how they are doing.”

Added Judy Shute, a Senior Center staff member, “He serves with an open mind. He is open to ideas from anyone who comes into the selectmen’s office.”

Lynch, who could not be reached for comment following the election, has served on the Finance Committee for 20 years, the last five as chairman. Additionally, he was a member of the

Board of Health, the Elementary School Building Needs Committee, and the Longevity Committee, among several other positions in a long resume of service to the town.

Boulay thanks Lynch for his decades of service, and he looks forward to continuing their collaboration.

“I give my opponent a lot of credit for his many contributions to the town. He has been a critical member of our government for many years,” Boulay added. “Today, we just move forward and work together for the people. The town of East Brookfield has always been my agenda, and that will continue today.”

Meanwhile, annual town meeting members on May 9 approved all but one of the 25 articles on the warrant. The meeting was continued to June 25 to allow for more information to be obtained on an article involving the ambulance budget. Members will decide then how much funding will be transferred to the ambulance budget.

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cally underestimating education costs. This has forced deep cuts to classrooms and critical programs, and one of the worst achievement gaps in the nation.

Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) had this to say, “This is a necessary step to recognize that funding has been inadequate and our students deserve more.”

“In Massachusetts, we strive for a fair and equal education system, not as an ideal, but as a reality,” said Senate President Harriette L. Chandler (D-Worcester). “This is an immensely important bill for our schools, large and small. I want to commend Senator Chang-Diaz for her commitment, dedication, and hard work on this legislation.”

“With the unanimous passage of the commission’s recommendations, the Senate is doing its part to make good on our obligation to every child in Massachusetts,” said Sen. Chang-Diaz, Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Education. “For years now, our schools have been suffering death by a thousand paper cuts, and its long past time we right this wrong. Schools and families shouldn’t have to lawyer up to get a quality education for their children.”

The vote follows months of advoca-

cy by education stakeholders across Massachusetts. More than 50 school committees across the state have passed resolutions supporting the reforms, and Brockton Public Schools announced earlier this year they are preparing to sue the Commonwealth for failing in its constitutional obligation to properly fulfill its obligations to funding.

“The Senate’s initiative will be welcomed by school committee members and education stakeholders,” said Beverly Hugo, MASC president, Framingham School Committee. “It sets us on the right path to get the full and adequate funding that we’ve been seeking, over a reasonable period of time.”

Established by the 1993 Education Reform Act, the Foundation Budget was designed to ensure every Massachusetts student was provided a quality education. However, the formula has failed to keep up with rising fixed costs like health care and special education that have outpaced initial estimates. It also underrated what it actually takes to educate English language learners and students living in poverty. The FBRC found these combined costs have led the Commonwealth to underestimate the cost of education by \$1-2 billion every year.

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SPORTS

Panthers race past Pioneers thanks to persistent offense



BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

SOUTHBIDGE — Each team fielded just nine players and all 18 gave it all they had when the David Prouty Regional varsity softball team matched up with host Southbridge High on Monday, May 14.

The Panthers have been making it work with their lim-



Nick Ethier photos

David Prouty's Tori Bain rips an RBI double into left field.

At left: David Prouty's Michaela Duquette tracks down a fly ball in center field to record an out.

ited roster and, versus the Pioneers, they strung together 12 hits en route to a 16-5 victory.

"The girls all played well," said David Prouty assistant coach Tom Bain. "They're getting in the groove together as a team."

The Panthers' starting nine is now a respectable 6-6 after sweeping the season series with Southbridge. Prouty scored twice in the top of the first inning, three times in the

third, six times in the fourth, once in the fifth and four more times in the sixth.

Lily Fahey was 2 for 3 with a walk and three runs scored from the leadoff spot and No. 2 batter Michelle Lamothe was 2 for 5 with a pair of RBI's. But it was No. 3 hitter Tori Bain who's numbers were eye-popping, as she finished a perfect 4 for 4 with a walk, four runs scored and two RBI's.

Other contributors for the Panthers included cleanup hitter Taylor Wood (1 for 4, HBP, 3 RBI's) and Macy Volesky (1



Taylor Wood of David Prouty sees the ball into her glove from her shortstop position.

for 4, 2 RBI's) from the No. 9 position.

When asked if the team has thought about district aspirations — a record of 10-10 or better will get the Panthers into the postseason — Tom Bain said, "It was thought about today after the victory."

Bain believes that the team can win a few more games down the stretch.

"I think we have a couple more [wins] under our belt," he said.

Lamothe was Prouty's winning pitcher after twirling a complete game six-hitter. She allowed two earned runs with no walks, one hit batter and 12 strikeouts.

On the other side, Southbridge's Tasha Brown also pitched a complete game. Brown struck out 10 David Prouty hitters as the Pioneers are now 0-12.

"My girls are still upbeat, they're not getting down on themselves," said head coach James Proulx of the positives. "We're going to get better as the time goes. We've got to take it one year at a time."

Southbridge could have a bright future, as they are very young and even employed a middle school player in Krystal Lavallee. Defensively, she played left field and on offense she finished with an RBI groundout in the second inning. And three of the Pioneers' top four hitters will return as Vilmarie Oquendo (3 for 4, 2 RBI's) is a junior and Amber Pelletier and Brown are sophomores. Only Mya Torres will depart due to graduation.

"I think they've come together," Proulx said of his group.

Proulx was also quick to point out that second baseman Mel Emery showed tremendous tenacity to play, as she rolled her ankle during the pregame. With only nine players in the lineup, Southbridge would have forfeited the game had Emery not played. But she didn't want to let the team down, according to Proulx, so she persevered through the pain. Emery finished with three putouts in the field.

Getting in the swing of things; David Prouty girls' golf team enjoying inaugural season

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

SPENCER — Several members of the David Prouty Regional girls' basketball team had so much fun playing together this past winter that they decided to keep the good times rolling — literally — by forming the Panthers' first-ever girls' golf team this spring.

Sophomore Erin Parenteau was one of the driving forces behind the formation of the team, going to Athletic Director Chuck Fahey during the fall to see if it would be possible to put a team together in time to tee it up this season.

"I went to see Mr. Fahey and he was

all for it, he just didn't know if we were going to get enough girls to be able to field a full team," explained Parenteau, who has been hitting the links since she was in the sixth grade, playing most often with her father, John, at Hillcrest Country Club in Leicester. "I ended up talking with some of the girls on the basketball team to see if they were interested in playing and they really wanted to do it."

The 10-member team consists of juniors Abbey Cashman, Kailyn McCue and Brooke Pepin, sophomores Allie Hingston and Parenteau, freshmen Jenna Petruzzi, Reagan Hingston and

Megan Elliott, and seventh graders Dana Woodward and Olivia Pepin.

Members of David Prouty's girls' basketball team that are also on the girls' golf team are Cashman, McCue, Brooke Pepin, Parenteau, Allie Hingston and Petruzzi.

The team is coached by Dennis Streeter, a math teacher at David Prouty. Streeter, who has spent the last 13 years coaching the Panthers boys' golf team, which competes in the fall, served as the girls' golf coach at Worcester's Notre Dame Academy (NDA) from 2006-2017.

Streeter's daughters, Rebecca, who graduated from NDA in 2012, and Maddie, who graduated from NDA in 2017, both not only played for the Rebels but served as captains of their respective senior teams as well.

Notre Dame won back-to-back state titles in 2015 and 2016 after a state runner-up finish in 2014.

"Once Erin and a few of the other girls went to see Mr. Fahey about putting a team together it all happened pretty quickly," Streeter said. "Mr. Fahey did a great job of pulling the team together and putting a schedule together."

Through its first six matches the team, which practices and plays at Bay Path Golf Course in East Brookfield, was 2-4, having defeated Worcester (a co-op team of all of Worcester's public high schools) twice. The Panthers' losses came at the hands of Westborough High twice, Wachusett Regional twice, Quabbin Regional and Auburn High, all very successful, established programs.

Streeter was quick to point out a silver lining in his team's defeats.

"Three of those four losses were on the road, so we're hoping when we get them a second time and play them here, hopefully we'll have the home course advantage," said Streeter, who has been impressed by the girls' serious attitude and focus regarding the game of golf.

"The girls are eager to play. They love having the team," said Streeter, who

is assisted coaching the team by Dave Woodward, Dana's father — who is also the girls' basketball coach at David Prouty — and Jackson Davis, who played on the Panthers boys' golf team for Streeter a few years ago. "The girls come out here every day with a positive attitude and they're ready to work and ready to listen; ready to do whatever it's going to take to get better."

Streeter said Parenteau and Brooke Pepin have been alternating between the Nos. 1 and 2 spots in the Panthers' match-day lineups, while Cashman has been playing at No. 3, Petruzzi at No. 4, Dana Woodward at No. 5 and Reagan Hingston at No. 6.

"We have a great nucleus. Brooke is brand new to the game but she is picking it up like crazy. She's going to be a good player," Streeter said. "Jenna leads the team in the number of points she has won for the team. She's doing really well. She's got a great short game; she just needs to get a little more consistent off the tee."

Cashman said the fact that all the members of the team are good friends, too, makes being on the team extra special.

"We have a great team dynamic; it's a fun sport to play with your friends," Cashman said. "We have a lot of fun together. There's always a lot of laughs when we're together. My No. 1 goal was to go out and have some fun. I wasn't really planning on great scores; I was more interested in having fun with my friends. This team is a great addition to the David Prouty sports program."

Parenteau, like Cashman, likes the fact that the team is such a close-knit group.

"It's been a lot of fun, I love it," Parenteau said. "I just like being with the team and having fun and hanging out. We're happy that we've already won twice as a first-year program but, to be honest, I feel like we can compete with most of the teams on our schedule."

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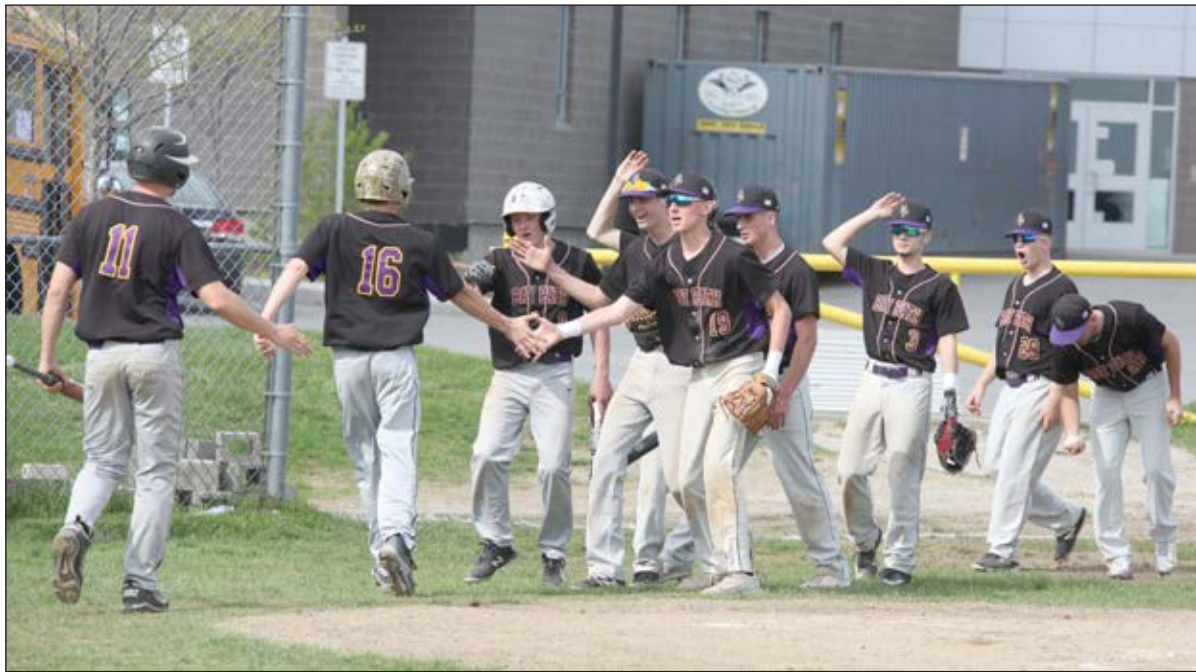
The David Prouty Regional girls' golf team includes, from left, (front row) Kailyn McCue, Dana Woodward, Allie Hingston, Megan Elliott, Olivia Pepin, Reagan Hingston, (back row) Coach Jackson Davis, Jenna Petruzzi, Erin Parenteau, Coach Dennis Streeter, Abbey Cashman, Brooke Pepin and Coach Dave Woodward.

SPORTS

Early offense, late defense helps Bay Path hold off Aztecs

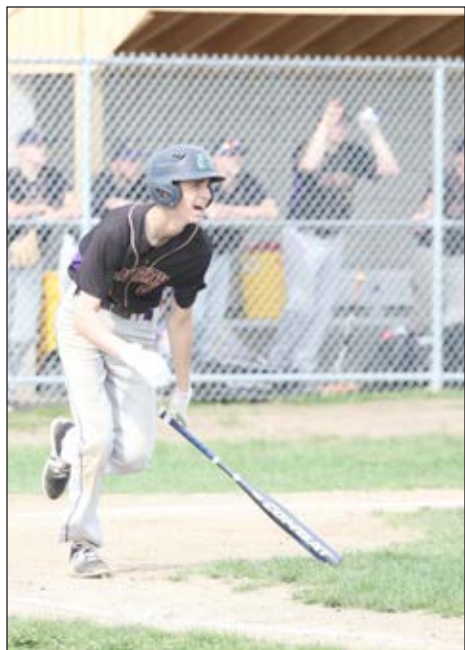


Bay Path second baseman Andrew Fritze waits for the ball to hit his glove during an Assabet stolen base.



The Bay Path baseball team gets excited after jumping out to a 4-1 first inning lead. Bay Path then held on to defeat Assabet Valley, 7-5.

Nick Ethier photos



Nate Shoemaker of Bay Path watches the ball fly to the outfield as he runs down the line.

BY DEAN P. ST. LAURENT
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — An early offensive eruption to the tune of seven runs through two innings was enough for the Bay Path Regional varsity baseball team, who then held on to defeat Assabet Valley, 7-5, on Wednesday, May 9. The victory improved the Minutemen's record to 8-2 overall and 7-1 in the Colonial Athletic League (CAL), as the Aztecs are now 10-2 after suffering their second CAL loss.

"They are a great team. It is all clumped in the top of our division with BVT [Blackstone Valley Tech], Worcester Tech [and] Assabet, so any time we can beat a team like that is huge," explained Bay Path head coach Mark Sansoucy.

With one out in the top of the sixth inning, Assabet had runners on first and second base threatening to score some runs. A hard line drive was hit to shallow center field and Bay Path's Nate Shoemaker dove full extension

to make a miraculous catch. He then snapped up and bulletted a dart to second base to double up the runner. That play stopped the Aztecs' rally and ended the inning — and a potential momentum shift.

"That is about the third or fourth play he has made like that this year," praised Sansoucy. "It is almost like you expect them to make those plays out there. It is just how Nate plays hard every out."

The Minutemen's defense as a whole made the important plays in the field after the offense staked starting pitcher Tim Kunz to the aforementioned 7-1 lead through two innings.

"Our defense is one of the strongest defensive teams we have had in a while," Sansoucy expressed. "We pride ourselves on defense — our infield and outfield."

Kunz was effective on the mound, getting out of many jams by forcing easy groundball outs or routine fly balls.

Bay Path played with the lead as John O'Loughlin scored on a wild pitch. The first run was followed by four consecutive singles by the 4-5-6-7 hitters for Bay Path in Nick Jose, Jake Leone, Cam Stitisit and Noah LaTour. Stitisit's single up the middle of the diamond scored a run and Latour's opposite field single plated two more for the Minutemen in the bottom of the first.

Stitisit finished with two singles with an RBI, while Jose also recorded two singles and added a pair of RBIs.

"You want to come out like that, especially against a pitcher like that," Sansoucy explained. "He is probably one of the better pitchers in the league, so to come and get a lead like that helped us out a lot."



Bay Path shortstop Alec Desimone gets the force out at second base before firing over to first during an attempted double play.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Quail Hollow Golf Results

Pit's Crew
First place: Bill Herrick, Rich Ford, John Durski and Bud Powers, -8
Second place: Stan Nolin, Mert Kenniston, Steve O'Brien and Pat Moynihan, -6
Third place: Dennis Fontaine, Jim Lamonda, Bill Gaudette and Dave McClusky, -5

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Cherry Valley American Legion baseball to hold registration, tryouts

The Cherry Valley American Legion Post 443 baseball team will hold player tryouts on May 19 and 20 from 10 a.m. to noon each day at Rochdale Park. There is no cost to tryout or play. Players born after Jan. 1, 1999 from Leicester, Spencer, Charlton, Oxford and surrounding towns are welcome to attend. If you have any questions to which Legion program you belong to or have any further questions, please call Jim Stephens at (508) 341-6741.

Kettle Brook Golf Club — Kettle One League Week 2 Results

First Place: Pat Gallant and Kris Houston, +14
Second Place: Roger Pontbriand and George Kiritsy, +3
High Individual: Pat Gallant +9
Closest to the Pin on Eighth Hole: Dave Lussier

Sturbridge American Legion holding baseball signups

Baseball players interested in playing Sturbridge American Legion Baseball that are born on Jan. 1, 1999 or later are eligible to play. All players that live in Sturbridge and/or attend Tantasqua Regional High School are eligible for the Sturbridge team, also players from other surrounding towns may also be eligible to play. Team will conduct tryouts May 19, 20 and 26, times will be 10 a.m. to noon on all three tryout dates at Tantasqua Regional High School. For more information contact team manager Jim Rosseel (774) 230-1784 email jimrosseel@hotmail.com or Coach Ray Sullivan (508) 736-7770 email raysull_2@yahoo.com.



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ATHLETE of the WEEK

Tori Bain

During David Prouty Regional's 16-5 varsity softball victory versus Southbridge High on Monday, May 14, Bain batted a perfect 4 for 4 with a walk, four runs scored and two RBI's as the Panthers improved their record to 6-6.

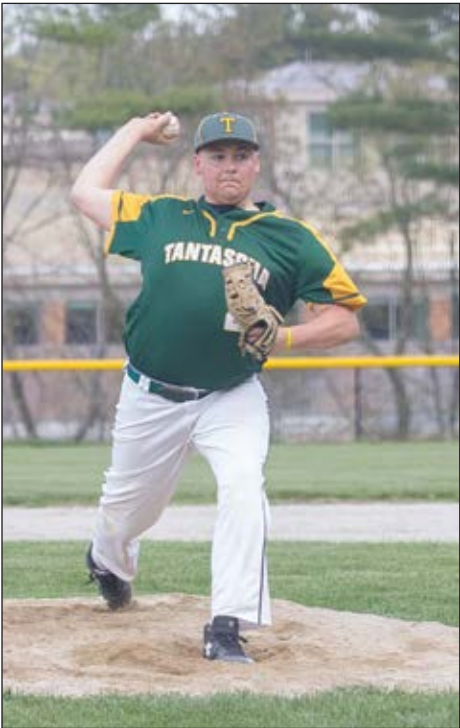
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SPORTS

Tantasqua scores early and often in 11-0 win over undermanned Southbridge



Mathew S. Plamondon photos
Reliever Kyle Renaud of Tantasqua delivers a pitch to the plate.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

SOUTHBIDGE — Ryan Bonja doubled twice and drove in three runs, and three pitchers combined to throw a two-hit shutout to lead the Tantasqua Regional varsity baseball team to an 11-0 victory over Southbridge High on Thursday, May 10.

With the win the Warriors improved to 6-5 overall and 5-3 in the Southern Worcester County League. Southbridge dropped to 0-9 in league play and 1-13 overall with the loss. The game was halted after five innings due to the 10-run mercy rule.

Tantasqua put the game in the win column early by scoring four runs in the first inning, two in the second and five in the third.

“Our kids did the right things; they came out and competed and they put the ball in play hard,” Warriors’ head coach Jon Leroux said. “That’s all we ask them to do in every game. It doesn’t matter who we’re playing. We could be playing a Little League team or the Red Sox, we want them to swing the bats the way they should and play hard and get after it. I thought we did that today.”

Nolan Kingman also had two hits for Tantasqua while Darren Laprade tripled and Eamon McHugh doubled. Adding singles to the Warriors’ 11-hit attack were Kyle Renaud — who also drove in a pair of runs — Deven Kingman, Dylan Willitts, Andrew Parker and Dom Brown. Also driving in runs were McHugh, Willitts and Parker.

“Southbridge was pretty beat up today, they only showed up with nine guys,” Leroux said. “So that made it pretty tough for them.”

Kyle Rizy started on the hill for the Warriors. He worked two innings and allowed one hit while walking two and striking out two. He was followed by Renaud, who also worked two innings and allowed a hit, walked one and struck out two. Spencer Cipro worked the fifth for Tantasqua and didn’t allow a hit or a walk, and he also struck out two Southbridge batters.

“Our pitchers came out and threw strikes; that’s all you can ask of them,” Leroux said. “We got everyone in today, which is what you always want to do in these situations — give guys playing opportunities.”

Leroux said he likes where his team is at just past the halfway point of the season.

“The team is just coming into its own and this is a good time for that to happen,” Leroux said. “We had a couple of little blips at the beginning of the year, but I feel like we’re going in the right direction now.”



Nolan Kingman of Tantasqua dives safely back into first base.



Tantasqua's Nolan Kingman gets to home plate safely for a Warriors' run.

The Pioneers’ hits came from Isaia Beato, who doubled to left field in the second inning, and Reimy Ortiz, who singled to center in the fourth.

A bright spot for Southbridge was the pitching of Jonathan Cortez, who came on in relief of starter Anthony Santos in the fourth inning and allowed just two hits and struck out two while not walking a batter.

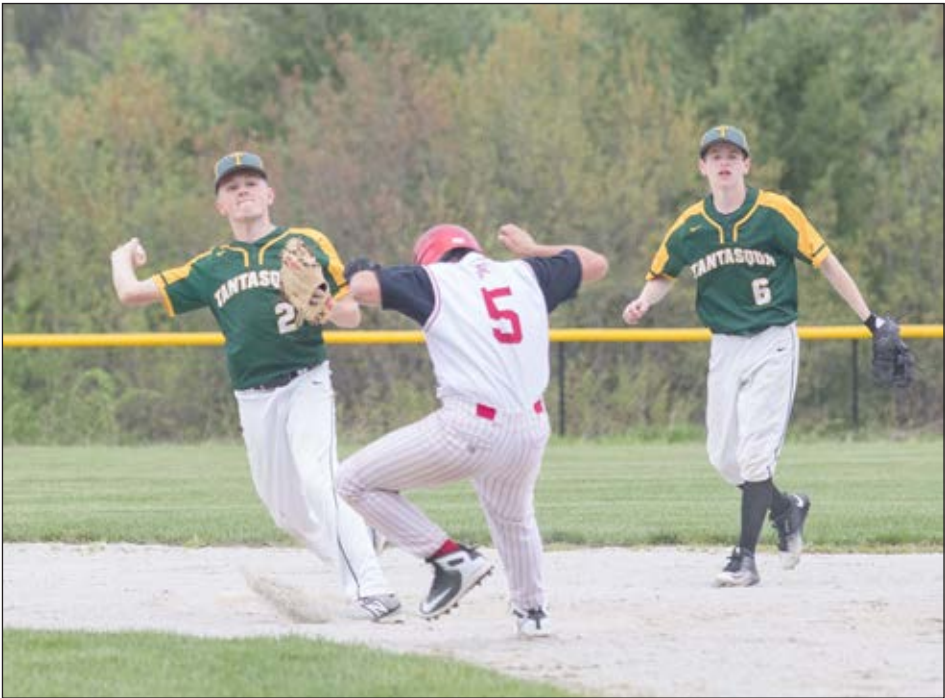
The Pioneers were hurt by the fact that they committed five errors.

“We need to work on the basics more; we’re making too many errors,” Southbridge head coach Shane Presutti said. “We’re making the pitcher throw too many outs in an inning. Because we only had nine guys today we had to

bring up a couple of JV players, including the catcher [Isaak Sicari] and we had a lot of young guys in the lineup. It’s good that we can get the young guys some playing time, but it exposes our weaknesses a little bit.”

Presutti declined to say why he was shorthanded against Tantasqua.

“The kids that showed up today were committed; that was a positive,” Presutti said. “I thought Jonathan Cortez pitched very well today. We need to be more aggressive. I told the guys they have to make things happen, not just expect good things to happen. We’ve got a lot of work to do.”



Darren Laprade of Tantasqua tags second base and throws over to first for a double play.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

May 7
Quaboag 3, Tantasqua 2 — The Cougars lost their No. 1 and 2 singles matches versus the visiting Warriors in girls’ tennis action, but they rebounded and won their other games. No. 3 singles player Emma Aberle was victorious, as was the doubles pairings of Isabelle Greenlaw/Abby Bouchard and Alyssa Bettencourt/Jordan D’Angelo. Quaboag is now 8-1.

Morgan Mascolo (No. 1 singles) and Pai Thanasrivanitschai (No. 2 singles) won for Tantasqua (7-2).

Quaboag 4, Tantasqua 1 — Jack Luyrink (No. 1 singles), Jack Siedziewski (No. 2 singles), Derrick Shepherd (No. 3 singles) and B. Allen/D. Mazzaresse (No. 2 doubles) won their games for the Cougars boys’ tennis team (4-2) in their victory over the Warriors (2-6), while the No. 1 doubles team of Hayden Peterson and Ryan Shanahan won for Tantasqua.

Tantasqua 9, Quaboag 2 — Sarah Harlinski had three hits and drove in a pair as the Warriors’ softball team downed the Cougars. Marie Stewart and Linda Barriere each had two hits and an RBI to also help lead Tantasqua. Rachel Flamand and Julia Jarvis combined for nine strikeouts.

Kim Fish, Carly Duff and Catherine O’Donnell had two hits each for Quaboag.

Wachusett 35, David Prouty 19 — Reagan Hingston (4.5 points), Erin Parenteau (4 points), Abbey Cashman (4 points), Jenna Petruzzi (2.5 points), Dana Woodward (2.5 points) and Brooke Pepin (1.5 points) all scored points for the Panthers’ golf team in a losing effort versus the Mountaineers.

May 8
Quaboag 5, Palmer 0 — Emily Floury (No. 1 singles), Hanah D’Angelo (No. 2 singles), Alyssa Bettencourt (No. 3 singles), Abby Bouchard/Isabelle Greenlaw (No. 1 doubles) and Morgyn Astrella/Emma Aberle (No. 2 doubles) were all victorious for the Cougars girls’ tennis team, which improved to 9-1.

Tantasqua 3, Notre Dame Academy 2 — In a tight matchup, the visiting Warriors won their girls’ tennis matchup with the Rebels. Tantaqua improved to 8-2, and individual winners were Pai Thanasrivanitschai (No. 2 singles), Rebekah Bennett/Victoria Kirkland (No. 1 doubles) and Julia Matton/Nina Ellison (No. 2 doubles).

Minnechaug 4, Tantasqua 1 — Hayden Peterson and Ryan Shanahan won their No. 1 doubles match for the Warriors boys’ tennis team, but it wasn’t enough in defeat. Tantasqua’s record slipped to 2-7.

Tantasqua 15, Northbridge 4 — Surging to an 8-1 halftime lead, the Warriors cruised to victory over the Rams in a girls’ lacrosse contest. Maddy Lowell paced Tantasqua’s offense with five goals, while Grace Seguin turned in a two-goal effort. Single goals were scored by Camie Freeland, Alyssa Slade, Jayne Jennings, Maddy Ricci, Addie Ellithorpe, Megan Frisella, Ainsley Way and Grace Farland.

May 9
Holy Name 9, Tantasqua 1 — The Naps’ Ava Vincequere threw a three-hitter to defeat the Warriors in a varsity softball game. Tantasqua’s Sarah Harlinski drove in Eve Boyd for the Warriors’ lone run.

St. John’s 5, Tantasqua 0 — The Warriors boys’ tennis team (2-8) fell to the always-tough Pioneers at home. Tantasqua’s No. 2 doubles duo of Luke Hall and Troy Reed were the closest to upsetting St. John’s.

Westborough 36, David Prouty 18 — In their girls’ golf loss to the Rangers, Reagan Hingston (5 points), Abbey Cashman (3.5 points), Jenna Petruzzi (3.5 points), Erin Parenteau (3 points), Dana Woodward (2.5 points) and Brooke Pepin (.5 points) all scored for the Panthers, who are now 2-6.

May 10
Tantasqua 11, Auburn 8 — In a tight affair, the Warriors edged the Rockets in a girls’ lacrosse match-up. Maddy Lowell (three), Grace Seguin (two), Rachel Godek (two), Cami Freeland, Jayne Jennings, Liz Beaumont and Rachel Hayden scored for Tantasqua, while Mandy Burns turned aside 11 shots.

East Longmeadow 4, Tantasqua 1 — Hayden Peterson and Ryan Shanahan won their No. 1 doubles matchup, but the visiting Warriors lost their boys’ tennis match to slip to 2-9.

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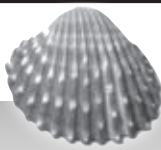
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Warriors down Auburn, continue impressive season

AUBURN — On Thursday, May 10, the Tantasqua Regional boys' varsity lacrosse team improved its record to 9-2 following a 12-3 victory over Auburn High at Memorial Field. The Rockets slipped to 2-11 in their second year of varsity competition, while the Warriors have no qualified for the Central/West Division 2 sectional tournament.



Tantasqua's Tom Muir looks ahead while passing the ball.

Nick Ethier photos



Tantasqua's Sean Farland takes off after gaining possession on a groundball.



Sebastian O'Leary of Tantasqua makes his way through two Auburn defenders while carrying the ball.



Auburn's Billy Erickson makes a run past Tantasqua defender Bryce Iller.



Logan McCarthy of Tantasqua runs up unimpeded to a loose ball.

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Spring turkey hunt yielding nice birds



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Turkey hunters are harvesting some very nice birds as the breeding season becomes red hot. Turkeys are responding to hunters calls and are strutting into their set up of turkey decoys. One hunter showed me a video of his hunt this past Saturday that was like being there with him from beginning to end. It was exciting to watch! He harvested a nice 22 lb. tom that had an 11 inch beard and 1 1/4 inch spurs.

Numerous turkey hunters have already harvested their two birds, and have also harvested a bird in Rhode Island. My brother Ken is shown in this week's photo with a nice 20 lb. bird that he harvested on the first day of the turkey hunting season. This writer still needs to fill my two turkey tags in Mass, and things are looking good for this week's hunting, as the toms become easier to call in for a good shot.

Tautog fishing had blown wide open last week, with almost every angler filling their three fish limit in the Westport area. Catching doubles on a two hook rig was easy for some anglers. Most tautog anglers were catching and releasing fish, as the action was incredible. Steve Mercure and this



Six year old Quinn Horvath with his grandfather Mike Guertin get ready to land a prize winning trout at the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club kids' fishing derby.

writer managed to catch six fish all 19 inches or better last week. The fish were cleaned and cooked at the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club last week by this writer, and served to a few members that were present last Friday. Eating poached tautog at 9:00 a.m. did not seem to bother those guys. One guy was in Pennsylvania hunting turkeys and missed the tautog feed. I sure felt bad that he was not there!!

Striper fishing was still slow last week with reports from local bait & tackle shops becoming disgusted with the slow fishing. Their patience is also being stretched to the limit, as they try to survive the

slow fishing and lack of business at this time of year.

Fishing for haddock on the North Shore has been incredible the last couple of weeks. Captain John boats fishing out of Plymouth have been catching limits of haddock on their all day fishing charters. Numerous cod are also being taken daily, but need to be released because of the closed season on all cod fishing on the Gulf of Maine.

Trout fishing anglers continue to catch limits of trout at local streams and rivers in the valley area. Freshwater bass fishing still remains slow in lakes and ponds due to the cold water that is slow to warm.



Brother Kein with a 20 pound bird.

Courtesy photos

Jerry's Bait & Tackle shop in Milford, weighed in a six pound bass last week. Action should pick up soon.

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club held their annual trout fishing derby for kids this past Saturday. A group of approximately 20 youngsters enjoyed a free breakfast and some great trout fishing prior to the rain. All youngsters received some great prizes and had a fun day at the event. Special thanks to all of the club officers and members that helped make a day of fishing and eating a day to remember. A special thanks to fish chairman Ed Gervais for his time, making a great day for all in attendance. This week's

second picture shows six year old Quinn Horvath fighting a huge rainbow while his grandfather Mike Guertin ready's the net. It was landed successfully and Quinn received a great prize for his big rainbow trout.

On May 20 the Wallum Lake Rod & Gun Club will hold their steel plate shoot starting at 10 a.m. at the pistol pits. Check out all of this month's events on their website at www.wallum-lakeRodGun.com! On May 26 the club will also hold a ladies beginner's skeet shoot starting at 9 a.m.!

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

BUILDING

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the town is seeking proposals for the sale and redevelopment of the historic building located at 117 Main St. Constructed in 1889, the three-level building has been an icon of the downtown corridor for several decades, taking up roughly 30,000 square feet at the intersection of Pleasant Street and Main Street.

Listed on the State Register of Historic Places, the building has many distinctive architectural features. Tenants, residents, and town officials have countless fond memories of the building, some of which were conveyed during the New Leader's extensive downtown feature series in recent months. Though the costs required to renovate the building exceed what the town can manage, officials are hopeful that a private owner can restore the

structure to its former glory.

"The town intends to work closely with the chosen developer in an attempt to preserve the historic qualities of the building, as well as satisfy the economic and social needs of Spencer's residents," read the request for proposals statement issued by selectmen earlier this month.

The building was initially constructed to provide revenue for the adjacent Richard Sugden Library, which is located on the same parcel. Over the years, the building has housed a variety of tenants, including retail stores, newspaper offices, restaurants, law offices, and myriad additional uses. It is currently home to a mix of large spaces and small offices, many with the original woodwork and period details still intact. Several tenants have also invested significant money into improving their spaces, and they are hopeful

that a private buyer will see the potential for the building if renovated properly.

With less than half of the building's spaces currently tenanted, there is much that needs to be done to draw new occupants. But officials feel that a committed, enthusiastic owner will be a big draw for businesses seeking a downtown space. Combined with the recent Route 9 revitalization project, officials have made a concerted effort toward enhancing the downtown experience for customers and business owners alike. Seeing the Sugden Block building in private hands is the next step in the vision, selectmen said.

"The best thing for the town is to have someone from the private sector take over this building," said Selectman Warren Monette. "That is the ideal situation. We don't want to see any of the businesses have to move."

As part of the sale process, the Sugden Block parcel will be split so that the building and the library are on separate lots. Town officials have committed to assisting the chosen developer with attempts to get the building placed on the National Register of Historic Places, which would enable access to federal and state tax credits. Additional state assistance and grant programs are available to private owners if the developer seeks them out.

The town has also applied for a Federal Opportunity Zone designation, which could allow investors to defer or completely eliminate capital gains taxes. These funds can be combined with the historic tax credits, officials said.

Selectmen have not announced what the next steps might involve if a private buyer doesn't step forward. Several residents have supported an eventual demolition

of the building so the space could be used for additional parking, but selectmen have reiterated that private ownership is the optimal course of action. The property could play a vital role in the town's overall downtown economic development, officials said.

"The property is well-suited to a wide range of commercial uses," the request for proposals read. "Recent investments in the downtown Spencer area offer a unique opportunity for a proactive

developer to contribute to the revitalization of the area. Rehabilitation of the property should be done in a way that respects and enhances the historic character of the Sugden Block building and surrounding downtown area."

The document also provides general information about the property, including historical uses, zoning, and utility statistics.

FESTIVAL

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ed with people from the Berkshires, southern New Hampshire, Cape Cod and Connecticut, all who came to see what it was about. None of them were disappointed."

For a single-day event, the festival draws more people than any other offering of its kind in the region. Guests always enjoy the many aspara-

gus-based treats in the food court, especially the soups that never fail to create long lines by early afternoon. The event is also a great way for local musicians, artists, and authors to introduce guests to their work.

"West Brookfield is a quintessential New England town, and the Asparagus Festival has become an important tradition," added Londergan, a local

author and historian who has been a vendor at the festival in years past. "There is a small group of dedicated volunteers who make it all work and bring it together year after year. They should not be forgotten. No one sees all of the work that goes into planning it, which starts months in advance."

The event will also feature plenty of activities for kids, musical enter-

tainers, and nonprofit organizations introducing their services.

Parking spaces are guaranteed to fill up quickly around the Common, but there are options available for guests who don't want to walk a lengthy distance from their vehicles. A continuous shuttle will be operated from the historical museum (the former train station) at the end of Central Street.

The shuttle will transport guests to and from the Common, and visitors are encouraged to take advantage of this service.

Guests are reminded to be aware of all parking restrictions and signage along Routes 9 and 67, as several areas are restricted to keep traffic moving. Other areas will be reserved for handicapped parking only. Please do not park in business parking lots.

The event will be held rain or shine. Feel free to bring your four-legged friends for a day on the Common, but they must be leashed. Although your dog might be friendly, others enjoy a little personal space. Also, please help keep the Common clean by picking up after your pet.

For more information about the event, check out the Asparagus Festival's Facebook page.

POLICE LOGS

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(Stafford Street), 1:39 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 1:57 p.m.: assist other agency (South Main Street), services rendered; 4:04 p.m.: disturbance (Collier Avenue), transported to hospital; 6:39 p.m.: erratic operation (Huntoon Memorial Highway), spoken to; 5:28 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), services rendered; 6:54 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), unable to locate; 8:18 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street).

SUNDAY, MAY 6

12:32 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 12:41 a.m.: ambulance (Rural Drive), transported; 1:53 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), services rendered; 2:44 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 8:56 a.m.: mv stop (Mannville Street), citation issued; 9:21 a.m.: assist other PD (Marshall Street, Paxton), services rendered; 9:29 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 9:41 a.m.: larceny (Soojians Drive), report taken; 11:33 a.m.: ambulance (White Birch Street), transported; 12:16 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 1:32 p.m.: animal complaint (Pine Ridge Drive), services rendered; 2:01 p.m.: animal complaint (Fairview Drive), services rendered; 2:54 p.m.: animal complaint (Pine Ridge Drive), services rendered; 3:14 p.m.: shoplift-

ing (Soojians Drive), gone on arrival; 3:50 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), services rendered; 5:00 p.m.: fire/explosion (Main Street), services rendered; 5:07 p.m.: welfare check (River Street), report taken; 8:10 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), services rendered; 10:36 p.m.: ambulance call (West Street), transported.

MONDAY, MAY 7

1:29 a.m.: missing person (Stafford Street), services rendered; 1:41 a.m.: welfare check (Town Beach Road), services rendered; 5:51 a.m.: mutual aid (Birch Drive, Spencer), services rendered; 6:03 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), services rendered; 8:07 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 10:47 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 10:57 a.m.: debris in road (Brown Street), Manuel L. Loja, 22, 236 Main Street, #1, Milford, warrant arrest; 12:31 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), services rendered; 2:39 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), gone on arrival; 2:44 p.m.: assist other PD (South Main Street), services rendered; 3:05 p.m.: suspicious activity (King Street Extension), services rendered; 3:42 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), unable to locate; 4:19 p.m.: suspicious person (Dale Street), unable to locate; 4:39 p.m.: investigation (out of town), services rendered; 4:58 p.m.: disabled mv (Huntoon Memorial Highway), services rendered; 6:27 p.m.: assist other PD (Patrick Drive), services

rendered.

TUESDAY, MAY 8

1:31 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 7:41 a.m.: ambulance (Brookside Drive), transported; 7:52 a.m.: assist other agency (Paxton Street); 7:54 a.m.: erratic operation (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 9:16 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), services rendered; 11:14 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 11:43 a.m.: mv stop (Rawson Street), written warning; 12:05 p.m.: mv stop (Rawson Street), written warning; 12:29 p.m.: assist other agency (Burncoat Street), services rendered; 12:52 p.m.: welfare check (Pine Street), spoken to; 3:17 p.m.: structure fire (River Street), services rendered; 3:28 p.m.: ambulance (Maighan's Way), transported; 3:44 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 6:45 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 8:05 p.m.: entire incident redacted from police log, arrest; 11:20 p.m.: erratic operation (South Main Street), gone on arrival; 11:26 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), services rendered; 11:33 p.m.: erratic operation (Soojians Drive), services rendered.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

2:50 a.m.: abandoned 911 (Bond Street), services rendered; 4:01 a.m.: welfare check (Town Beach Road), report taken; 6:13 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 8:10 a.m.: mv stop (Rawson Street), citation issued; 8:19 a.m.: inves-

tigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 10:11 a.m.: fraud (Redfield Road), report taken; 10:14 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), Wilmer Guaman, 43, 40 Piedmont Street, #1, Worcester, unlicensed operation, arrest; 10:35 p.m.: investigation (Pleasant Street), gone on arrival; 10:59 a.m.: drug lab (Goddard Memorial Drive, Worcester), services rendered; 11:04 a.m.: ambulance (Carelton Road), transported; 11:30 a.m.: investigation (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 12:30 p.m.: assist citizen (Whittemore Street), services rendered; 12:50 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), services rendered; 1:05 p.m.: ambulance (Paxton Street), transported; 1:05 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), spoken to; 1:36 p.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 1:41 p.m.: investigation (Winslow Avenue), services rendered; 2:07 p.m.: ambulance (Henshaw Street), assisted; 3:13 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 3:22 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 3:31 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 4:41 p.m.: mutual aid (Millbury Road, Oxford), services rendered; 4:43 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:56 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 5:17 p.m.: harassment (Redfield Road), services rendered; 5:26 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 8:11 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), services rendered.

Marketplace showcases student creativity

NORTH BROOKFIELD – If last week-end is any indication, the region is poised to benefit from many creative ideas and businesses over the next decade. On May 5, residents got an early glimpse at these burgeoning entrepreneurs and their products.

The annual Business Academy capped

off its program with a marketplace at North Brookfield Elementary School. Designed for students in grades 4-8, the academy is an after-school program that introduces ambitious students to all aspects of business. Participants learn what it takes to transform an idea from concept to creation, in addition to

marketing a product and developing a customer base.

As part of each year's academy, students craft business proposals and work with advisors through every step of the product design process. The result was once again an eclectic display of items, including jewelry, handmade soaps and

candles, games, and plenty of household accessories. Those who were shopping for Mother's Day items were also in luck, as there was no shortage of garden and floral products for Mom.



Fifth graders Anya Kittredge, left, and Teaghan Earle get ready to display their products.



Kevin Flanders photos.

A few friends from the fire department stop by to greet the young entrepreneurs.



Fifth grader Ellie Reynolds wows guests with plenty of delicious treats.



If you've got hungry birds around your yard, seventh grader Ryan Brown-Herranz is the man to see.



It's jewels galore thanks to Olivia, a fifth grader at NBES.



McKayla Hoel and her mother, Jodie Buckmaster, offer an array of scented products.



You can pencil R.J. Tucker (fifth grade) into any successful business lineup.



Shannon Toomey, a sixth grader, introduces guests to her products.



Fourth grader Dominic Boyd is eager to greet guests.



Molly Procopio, a sixth grader, is thrilled to display her products after months of hard work.



Fifth grader Dakota Santospago worked hard to create her products.



Jada Cowder, a sixth grader, learned many valuable strategies from the academy.



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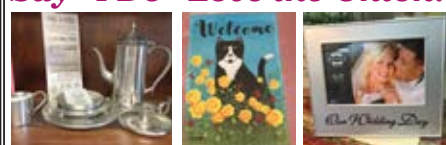
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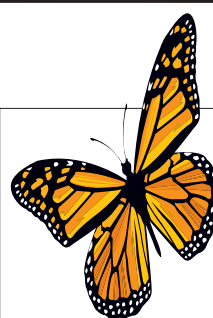
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CALENDAR




Father's Day Honors

Publish Date: June 15, 2018
Deadline date: Mon., June 11 @ 5pm

The Spencer New Leader would like to honor all Fathers and Grandfathers in the June 15th issue. The deadline for honors is Monday, June 11 at 5pm.

Cost is just \$20 per 2.4" X 2.5" block.

SAMPLE:



Dad, thanks for knowing exactly when to stop holding my hand and begin watching my back.

With love from Mary

Please email a photo and a special message or an In Loving Remembrance message if deceased to jsima@stonebridgepress.news; OR mail or drop off to the Spencer New Leader 25 Elm Street, P. O. Box 90 Southbridge, MA 01550.

All photos will be returned. Please write your name and address on the back of your photo.

Saturday May 19

West Brookfield Asparagus Festival on the West Brookfield Common, Routes 9 & 67: Free and open to the public; free bus shuttle from town highway department parking lot all day - Central-Front streets. Enjoy a day of open-air delight. Food, plants, animals, blacksmith, music, frog jumping contest 1:00 p.m. Meet Deiderick Leertouwer, free games for kids, clowns, face painting, photo ops, homemade pies, vendors of all things artistic and artisanal. Plan to spend the day. The only thing you have to bring is a smile, but if you plan to purchase a trinket or two, most vendors cannot accept credit cards. ATM in center of town. Y'all come.

Saturday May 26

BROOKFIELD GARDEN CLUB: COME TO OUR PLANT SALE Saturday, May 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Brookfield Common. A large variety of plants from our members' gardens as well as local nurseries. Come and look for what will grow best in "your" garden. The Brookfield Agriculture Commission will be there with their tractors to parade around the Common and will be parking along Common Street. They will also be "giving away" pumpkin and flower growing kits for children. Garden Club members will be there to assist with your purchases.

Monday May 28

ALL ABOUT THE CHICKEN: The Friends of The Town House, in partnership with the First Congregational Church of North Brookfield, will hold its annual Memorial Day Chicken Barbecue on Monday, May 28th from noon to 2 p.m. North Brookfield has a full array of events to celebrate the sacrifices and patriotism of North Brookfield veterans who have given distinguished service to their country over the years. Following these ceremonies, the BBQ will be held under the big tent on the Church lawn. Tickets for the BBQ are \$10 each, and are for sale at the First Congregational Church each Friday from 5 until 9 PM. They will also be available at the Town Offices, the Haston Free Public Library, STATZ, and TIME OUT. For other ticket arrangements call Jean at (508) 867-7855, or Mike at (207) 641-7137. Take-out meals are available. All proceeds from the Barbecue will help restore the North Brookfield Town House, and provide support for worthy causes of the First Congregational Church.

Wednesday May 30

YOU ARE INVITED: Veterans, active military invited to concert: Brookfield Elementary School will be hosting a Memorial Day concert on Wednesday, May

30 at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 1 p.m. Veterans and those on active military duty are encouraged to attend. If you or a member of your party is a veteran or on active military duty, please RSVP to (508) 867-8774.

CHOCOLATE SUNDAY! Once again, the seductive fragrance from the chocolate fountain will envelop the hall as Chapter R of the P.E.O. Sisterhood presents its third annual Chocolate Sunday, May 20 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., at The Performing Arts Center, The Overlook, 88 Masonic Home Road, Charlton. Enjoy an afternoon sampling multiple chocolate treats, punch, coffee, and tea. There will be a cake-decorating demonstration by chefs from The Overlook. The decorated cake will be raffled at the end of the event, along with baskets, gift certificates, and other items donated by sponsors. Proceeds benefit educational philanthropies of P.E.O. Tickets for the event are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. For further information, call Georgeanne Roe (508) 278-3589.

Saturday June 2

FLEA MARKET & CRAFT FAIR: Women of Christ Church, Rochdale will hold its 6th annual Flea Market and Craft Fair Saturday, June 2 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., 1089 Stafford St. There will be something for everyone; beautifully handcrafted items, seasonal plants and honey products, attic treasures, collectibles, household items, a fabric tent sale, crafting items and much more. There will be multiple tables offering many great finds donated by Christ Church members. A snack and lunch bar will be available throughout the day offering freshly made items. In the event of inclement weather, vendors with or without tents will be able to set up in the Parish Hall. For more information or to obtain a registration form to reserve a space, please contact Susan at (508)864-0660 or steixeira925@gmail.com.

Saturday, June 16

A HOOK IN: The Association of Traditional Hooking Artists Quiet Corner Chapter is hosting a Rug Hook In gathering on June 16 at the Woodstock Fairgrounds in Woodstock, CT. Registration fee of \$15 is required for this event and must be paid in advance by June 1. Registration forms for this event may be received by contacting treasurer Gretchen Gray at gretchg@verizon.net, or call Whispering Hill at (860) 928-0162 for more information. To learn more about rug hooking and become a member of Atha Quiet Corner, individuals can contact Whispering Hill regarding membership. All are welcome.

Tuesday, June 26

THE SOUND OF MUSIC: On Tuesday, June 26 at 10:30 a.m. at Senior Living at Prouty, 195 Main St., Spencer, join Jean Strauss of East Brookfield as she shares behind the scenes stories of one of the most beloved films of all time. Jean has written two books with Charmian Carr (who played Lisl von Trapp) and is a font of information. The program is free and open to the public. Parking and entrance on Pope Street, off Grove Street. Call (617) 431-4937 to reserve a seat or questions.



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OBITUARIES

Dorothy T. Turner, 91

EAST BROOKFIELD- Dorothy T. (Hutchinson) Turner, 91 formerly of Evergreen St., died Saturday, May 12 at Quaboag Rehab. & Skilled Nursing in W.Brookfield.

She leaves her sister Patricia Norton of Spencer, several nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by a brother Roland H. Hutchinson, II.

Dorothy was a longtime manager at several area party & novelty stores.

Born in Peterborough, NH., she was the daughter of Roland H. and Annette

(Wine) Hutchinson. She was a member of Christ Memorial Episcopal Church in No.Brookfield. She enjoyed gardening and painting.

Memorial services were held at the convenience of the family in the J.Henri Morin & Son Funeral Home, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer. Please omit flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Second Chance Animal Services,, P.O. Box 136, E.Brookfield, MA. 01515.

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Paul R. Robertson, Sr., 92



PAXTON- Paul R. Robertson, Sr., 92, formally of Spencer, died peacefully, Friday, May 11 at his home. He leaves his wife of 69 years, Virginia (Pettit) Robertson, his sons Mark S. Robertson and his wife Linda and Paul R. Robertson, Jr. and his wife Denise ,his daughters Susan R. Calcagno and her husband Frank , and Becky Greene and her husband Ron, his brother Rev. James Robertson of Orland, ME and his sister Barbara Johnston of Easthampton, Ct., predeceased brothers Jack Robertson and Bill Robertson,12 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Paul worked many years as a design and electrical engineer and managed a Taylor Rental store but was most proud or his role as Executive Director of the Spencer Rescue & Emergency Squad for many years prior to retiring in 1992.

Born in Binghamton, NY., he was the son of Harry and Grace (Harter)

Robertson and later served his country with the U.S. Army during WWII.

He held many positions as a life-long member of the Spencer Methodist Church and over 50 years as a member of Spencer Masonic Lodge and Hayden Lodge AF&AM .

A Memorial Service will be held at George Whitefield United Methodist church, 33 Main St, West Brookfield, MA on Monday May 21st, at 11:00 A.M., followed by burial with Military Honors in Pine Grove Cemetery, Spencer. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to, Spencer Rescue & Emergency Squad, P.O. Box 147, Spencer, MA., 01562 or Paxton Fire Dept. Ambulance Gift Account, 697 Pleasant St., Paxton, MA 01612. J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer is directing arrangements.

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Kathryn C. Mundell, 81

WARREN - Kathryn C. (Therrien) Mundell, 81, passed away on Saturday, May 12, 2018 at Baystate Mary Lane Hospital after being stricken ill at home.

She leaves her daughter, Lisa Mundell of Warren; two brothers, John Therrien and his wife Barbara of Ware and Emmanuel Therrien, Jr. of West Brookfield; three sisters, Theresa Shea, Mary Ellen St. George and Elaine Perry and her husband Edward, all of West Brookfield, and many nieces and nephews. She was born in Alburg, Vermont daughter of the late Emmanuel and Kathryn Therrien and has lived 55 years in Warren.

Mrs. Mundell worked for the former William E. Wright Company in West

Warren before retiring.

Kathryn loved gardening, sewing, reading and had a great sense of humor and loved her constant companion, her cat Flower.

A Funeral Service for Kathryn will be held on Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 11:00 AM in the Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St. in West Brookfield. Calling hours will be held prior to the services for 9 to 11:00 AM in the funeral home. Burial will be in St. Paul's Cemetery in Warren. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Warren Fire Department Ambulance, P.O. Box 608, Warren, MA 01083.

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Laura A. Faust-Dunphy, 63



WARREN - Laura A. Faust-Dunphy, 63, of Warren died on Friday, May 4, 2018 at her home.

She leaves her husband and caregiver, Christopher P. Dunphy, as well as her mother, Hildegard Faust, two brothers, Kurt and Karl Faust, and many nieces and nephews. She was born in Giessen, Germany, daughter of the late Arthur Faust and Hildegard (Fleck) Faust,

where Arthur was stationed during his service in the military.

Laura was an artist, a graduate of Cathedral High School in Springfield, and also attended the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

At her request, services for Laura will be held privately, and there are no calling hours.

Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., West Brookfield is assisting her family with arrangements.

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Quentin “Brian” Majka, 62



B O S T O N / WARREN- Quentin “Brian” Majka, 62, of the historic Dorchester neighborhood of Boston, passed away peacefully at his family's home in Warren, with them close by his side.

He leaves his sisters, Lee and Lynn, and brothers, Frank, Mark, and Eric, as well as their spouses and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his eldest brother, Johnny. He was born in Ware, son of the late Walter J. and Violet C. (Mayers) Majka.

Brian was a dedicated long-time HealthCare Aide with the

Massachusetts Department of Developmental Services. He will be sadly missed by his many friends from DDS, and those he made throughout his life, especially Kristina, Jimmy, and Chip.

Many thanks to the VNA Hospice and to Varnum Funeral Home, Inc. in West Brookfield for Brian's care.

Future arrangements for a Celebration of Brian's Life will be made soon. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to VNA Hospice and Palliative Care, Fund Development Office, 199 Rosewood Drive, Suite 180, Danvers MA 01923 or www.vnacare.org/donors.

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ONGOING EVENTS

GIRL SCOUTS SEEK MEMBERS: Leicester Junior troop #64765 is welcoming girls in grades 4 and 5. The troop meets bi-weekly on Mondays.

Leicester Daisy/Brownie troop #64656 is welcoming girls in grades 1 through 3. The troop meets biweekly Mondays from 4:30 to 6pm.

Leicester Cadette troop #11077 welcomes girls in grade 8 and meets bi-weekly Fridays 5-6:30pm.

Leicester Cadette troop #11700 welcomes girls in grades 6 & 7 and bi-weekly on Mondays from 2:15 to 4pm.

Spencer Girl Scouts is welcoming girls in kindergarten, first, second, third, sixth and seventh grade.

Joining Girl Scouts is a great way to help girls build confidence, try new things, and discover their inner G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-Taker, Leader). Previous Girl Scout experience is not necessary. For more information regarding meeting days and times visit our website gscwm.org and click on the pink bar or call (508) 749-3612.

ECONOMY SHOP HOURS: First Congregational Church, 207 Main St., Spencer has announced ECONOMY SHOP hours for January through June. Open every Wednesday 8 a.m. to noon; Thursday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. & 6 to 8 p.m.; and Friday 8 a.m. to noon. Come in and see our daily specials. For information call (508) 885-2149.

Antiques, & Collectibles Vendor Marketplace open on Wednesday from 1:00 pm-7:00 pm in the St. Joseph's Rectory building for its first season. All proceeds will benefit the non-profit "24-7 Community Partnership" which will provide funds to programs for the needy, including the Leicester Food Pantry. Open April-December.

VFW MEETING: The Rochdale VFW Post 7556 will hold their monthly business meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the post at 713 Pleasant Street, Rochdale on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP: On the third Wednesday of each month, 6-7 p.m. at the Overlook Independent Living Building, fourth floor Solarium, 88 Masonic Home Road, Charlton. The intent is to build a support system, exchange practical information, talk through issues and ways of coping, share feelings, needs and concerns and to learn about community resources. Contact Kathy Walker at (508) 434-2551 or kawalker@overlook-mass.org for more information. Presented by Alzheimer's Association MA/NH Chapter, visit (800) 272-3900 or alz.org.

THRIFTY: St. Joseph-St. Pius X Parish, 759 Main Street, Leicester, (508) 859-8083. The "New to You Thrift Shop Hours: Tuesday 5 to 7 p.m., Wednesday 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS: Richard Sugden Library in Spencer has the follow-

ing weekly programs. For more information contact the library at (508) 885-7513.

Looking for a fun and educational activity to do with your toddler or preschooler? Come to toddler story hour at 10 a.m. and meet other parents, enjoy songs, stories, and activities with your 18 months to 3 year old. Caregivers must remain in the room with their toddler. Preschoolers (ages 3-5) come at 11- caregivers must remain on the same floor. These are free programs but do require registration which you can do when you arrive. Today's themes are drums and rhythm.

Join us at Bouncing Babies on Wednesdays from 10-10:45 a.m. for a rollicking, good time! Meet other caregivers, share stories, songs, & rhymes. It's for ages birth to 24 months & their caregivers. Program followed by open play time. The free Afterschool Fun program is today from 4-4:45 p.m. for children from k-grade 5.

Tune in Together on Thursdays is a music and movement program for toddlers and preschoolers and their caregiv-

ers, sponsored and presented by CFCE. Meets from 11 a.m.-noon.

Paws and Pages encourages children to become better readers by sharing a book with trained therapy dogs. This program is possible because of the generosity of trainer, Barbara Laborde and her canine helper. Come between 4-4:15 p.m. on Thursdays to reserve a spot.

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AUBURN - 13 Inwood Rd! Cute 6 Room Cape! 2-3 Bedrooms! All Hardwoods on Both Levels Under Carpeting! Finished 2nd Floor with Bedroom & Office! Lower Level Playroom! Vinyl Siding! Replacement Windows! Oil Heat! 8,276' Level Lot! Shed! 1 Car Garage! **\$179,900.00**



STURBRIDGE - 13 Main St! Work & Live Here! Completely Remodeled! "Turn Key" 1st Flr Beauty Salon w/Cair, Handicapped Bthrm, Kit, Gas Heat! 2nd Flr - Appliances Kit, Liv Rm, 2 Bdrms, 1.5 Baths, New Oil Furnace! 13 Parking Spaces! 2 Car Garage! Sep Utilities! Town Services! Rte 26, 84 & 90! **\$289,900.00**



OXFORD - 19 Wheelock St! 6 Rm Cape! Well Maintained! Level Lot! Knotty Pine Sunroom w/Slider to Stone Patio! Appliances Eat-in Kit! Liv Rm w/Hrdwd Flr! 2 Spacious 1st Flr Bdrms w/Hrdws! Full Bath! 2nd Flr 3rd Bdrm w/New Carpets! Full Basement w/Laundry! Attached Garage w/Workshop! **\$239,900.00**



DUDLEY - 9 Page Ln! Newly Renovated 6 Rm, 3 Bdrm, 2.5 Bath Cape! 1 Acre Lot! Cul-de-sac! Hrdws Throughout! Open Liv Rm, Kit & Din Area! SS Appliance Granite Kit w/Is! Slider to Composite Deck! 1st Flr Master w/Walk-in Closet & Master Bath! 2nd Flr w/2 Large Bdrms & Full Bath! Garage Under! **\$309,900.00**



WEBSTER - 53 Brookside Ave! 7 Rm Cape! 46 Acres! Appliances Eat-in Kit, Breakfast Bar, Din Area, Slider to Deck! Liv Rm w/New Carpet & Wall A/C! Full Bath! 2 1st Flr Bdrms! 2nd Flr w/2 Huge Bdrms, Walk-in Closet & Skylights! Full Bath! Walk-out Fam Rm! 2 Sheds! Fenced Play Area! **\$305,000.00**



THOMPSON - 1338 Riverside Drive! 8 Rm Colonial w/Grand Entry Foyer! 94 Acres! Farmers Porch! Appliances! Granite Kit w/Is! Din Area w/Pellet Stove & Slider to Deck w/Jacuzzi! Din Rm & Frpld Cathedral Ceiling Liv Rm w/Hrdws! Den/Office! 3 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! Finished Lower Level! C/Air! Garage! **\$369,900.00**



WEBSTER - 38 Batten St! 6 Rm Ranch is Ready for You! Recently Painted Eat-in Kit w/New Flooring! Large Liv Rm w/Cedar Closet! Bonus Rm/Den w/Access to the Deck! 3 Bedrooms! Full Bath! Expandable Lower Level! New Roof, Electrical Service & Panel! Recent Exterior Paint! 1 Car Garage! **\$249,900.00**



SUTTON - 33 Old Mill Rd! West Sutton! Country Road! Fabulous Craftsmanship in this 4,592' 9 Rm, 4 Bdrm, 3+ Bath Custom Home! Entertaining is the Essence of this Open, Airy Flr Plan! Spacious Country Kit Surrounds the Sunken Liv Rm! Frpld Din Rm! French Drs to Deck and In-ground Pool! 2nd Flr Master Suite w/Vaulted Ceiling, Spacious Windows for Natural Light, Whirlpool Tub, Separate Shower, Private Water Closet! You'll Enjoy the Fam Rm w/3 TVs, Pool Table, LP Gas Frplc & Wet Bar! Oversized Garage for 6 Cars w/Ceiling Height for a Lift! Generator Hook-up! 5.5 acres! Easy Access to 395, 146 & MA Pike! **\$892,600.00**



WEBSTER - 32 Canille Rd! 9 Rm Cape w/Farmers Porch! Open Flr Plan! Appliances! Kit! Din Area w/Slider to Deck! Frplc Cathedral Liv Rm! Den or Din Rm! Full Bath! 2nd Flr Master Suite w/Master Bath! 2 Add Bdrms! 3 Baths Total! C/Air! LL Fam Rm! Garages! Irrigation! Shed! **\$349,900.00**



DUDLEY - 50 Airport Rd! Updated 5 Rm Ranch! 1/2 Acre Level Lot! Kit 2009! Frpld Liv Rm! 2 Comfortable Bdrms! Master Bath! 2 Full Baths Total! Mud Rm Entryway! Walk-out Frpld Lower Level! Updated Roof & C/Air 2010, Breakers 2011, Windows 2015, Furnace 2016! Won't Last! **\$269,900.00**



DUDLEY - 67 West Main St! Live or Work or do Both from this 7 Rm Colonial on 25,860' Lot - 594 Acres! Needs Updating! Zoned Business! Convenient Location for Either Room to Expand! Hrdws! 2 Baths! Corner Lot - Rd Frontage on View St As Well! Town Services & Gas! Recent Buderus Furnace! **\$198,900.00**



WEBSTER - 47 Lakeside Ave! 2 Family! 6/6 Rm! 3/3 Bdrms! 1/1 Bath! Appliances! Kitchens! Recent Roof at 5 Yrs! Solar Panels at 2 Yrs! Separate Oil Furnaces! Walk to Lakeside Beach! Launch Your Boat at the State Ramp! Convenient Location! **\$249,000.00**



WEBSTER - 11 Upper Gore Rd! Convenient 6 Rm Ranch! Fully Appliances! Oak Kit! Frplc Din Rm w/Hrdws! 3 Bdrms w/Hrdwd Flrs! Spacious Liv Rm w/Brick Hearth! 1st Flr Laundry! Large Trex Deck! Updated Windows, Siding & Furnace! Garage! Shed! Soil w/ld! 39 Acre Lot! **\$259,900.00**



WEBSTER - 7 Vine St! 5+ Rm L-Shaped Ranch! Looking for Larger, they May Be It! 10'6" X 19' Eat-in Kit! 27' Liv Rm! Entry Foyer! 3 Comfortable Bdrms w/Dble Closets! Huge Master! Hrdws! Flrs! Tile Bath! 1.5 Baths! Walk-out Lower Level! Heat & Hot Water by Gas! Garage! **\$219,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 294 Kildeer Island! North Pond! 62' Waterfront! Panoramic Views! 8 Rm Colonial! Kit w/Double Oven! GLEAMING Hrdwd Flrs! 4 Bdrms! 2 Full Baths! 14'20' Trex Deck! Newly Painted! Prof Landscaped! Fenced Yard! Plenty of Docks Included! **\$524,900.00**



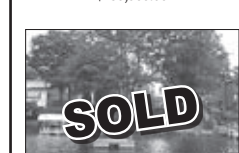
WEBSTER LAKE - 10 Kenneth Ave! South Pond! Sandy Shoreline! 9 Rm Contemporary! 3 Bdrms! 3 Baths! Lake Views from Most Rooms! Hrdwd & Tile Flrs Throughout! Brunanhan Custom Granite Kit w/Cherry Cabinets! 1st Flr Office! Master w/New Bath! Frpld Fam Rm! Deck w/Custom Bar! 2 Car Garage! **\$639,900.00**



SOUTHBRIDGE - 11 Forest Ave! 7 Rm Cape w/Character! Appliances! Eat-in Kit! Din Rm & Liv Rm w/Hrdws! Fam Rm/Bdrm w/Hrdws! Entry Foyer! 1/2 Bath w/Tile Flr! 2nd Flr w/3 Bdrms! Bath w/Dble Vanity, Whirlpool Tub/Shower & Linen Closet! Walk-in Cedar Closet! Town Services! **\$159,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 33 Beacon Rd! 6 Rms, 3 Bdrms, 2 Baths! 141' Waterfront! 12,458' Lot w/20' of Privacy! Kit, Master Bdrm, Master Bath, Roof & Windows New in 2013! Enjoy Sunsets from Wrap-around Porch! Beautiful Lake Views! Frplc Liv Rm! SS Appliances! C/Air! 2 Car Garage! **\$519,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 48 Laurelwood Dr! Reid Smith Cove! One of the Lake's Best Lots! Beautiful 10 Rm, 3,686' Contemp! 104' Waterfront, 228' Rd Frontage, 33,628 Sq. Ft. or .77 Acres! The Best on Market! Gradual Sloped Lawn to Beach/Shore! Private Rd w/Woods Across Street! Location, Slope to Water, View & Exposure, Things You Can't Change, After that it's One's Imagination! Front, Back, & Side Yards, Space to Roam, Entertain, Park & Expand! Main Level, White & Black Granite Kit, Center Isl w/Gas Range & Sink, Wall Ovens! Din Area! Lake Facing Din Rm! Frpld Liv Rm w/Cathedral Open to Sun Rm w/Water View! Lake Facing Office/Possible 4th Bdrm! Half Bath! Upstairs, 3 Bdrms, 2 Bathrms! Amazing Lake Facing Master, Bath w/Whirlpool, Steam Shower, Dble Vanity, Cathedral w/Skylight & Laundry! Walk-out Lower Level w/ Frpld Fam Rm, Summer Kit & 3rd Full Bath, 3.5 Total! C/Air! Gas Heat! 2 Car Garage & More! **\$1,100,000.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 412 Beacon Park! WATERVIEW! 1,280' 5 Rm Townhouse! End Corner Unit! Lake Views! Appliances! Kitchen! Frpld Liv Rm w/Hrdws! Din Rm w/Hrdws! Master w/Custom Bath & Closet w/Skylight! 2.5 Remodeled Tile Baths! Central Air! Garage! Great Lakeside Pool! Sandy Beach! **\$279,500.00**



WEBSTER LAKE ACCESS! 2-A Lakeview Rd! 7 Rm Split Entry Cape! Appliances! Granite Kit! 45 Spacious Bdrms! 2 Full Baths! C/Air! Handicap ELEVATOR! 3 Car Under! 30'x40' 2 Story Detached Garage w/12' Ceiling & 3 Car Lifts! Overlooking & Short Walk to Lake & Dock! **\$489,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 3 Long Island! Accessible by Boat Only! "True Summer Cottage" Ready to Rough It! Loads of Potential! Water on 2 Sides! Panoramic Views Across Wide Expanse of the Middle Pond! 3 Bedrooms! Connected Buildings! 4 Bedrooms! Town Water & Sewerage! **\$229,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 3 Lakeside Rd! Middle Pond - Reid Smith Cove! Ideal Summer or Year Round! Western Expo - Beautiful Sunsets! 6 Rm Ranch! New Quartz & Stainless Steel! 3 Remodeled Bdrms! 2 New Baths - Master Bath! Tile & Hrdws! Frplc Oil Heat! Unique Waterfront! **\$575,000.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 15 Lakeside Rd! Reid Smith Cove! Enjoy the Music of Indian Ranch & the Indian Princess! 7 Rm Summer Cottage w/Possible Bdrms! Master Overlooking Lake! Great Potential! Or Tear It Down, Build Something New! 50' X 118' Lot w/Gentle Slope, Almost Level! Town Sewer! **\$297,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - Access! 124 Gore Rd! 440' Waterfront! Great Location! Direct Highway Access! 3/4 ACRE! UNDEVELOPED LAND w/EXQUISITE VIEWS! Explore the Opps! Build a Restaurant, Hotel, Condominiums! Cozy 4 Rm, 2 Bdrm Home! Oversize 2 Car Garage w/2nd Floor! **\$349,000.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 602 Treasure Isl! Townhouse! 6 Rm! 1.5 Bath! Hrdwd Floors! Appliances! Granite Kit! Open Flr Plan! 2 Bdrms! Master Bath w/Whirlpool Tub, Separate Shower & Bidet! 3 Baths! Frpld Fam Rm! C/Air! Gas Heat! Trex Deck! Recent Windows/Doors! C/Air! 2 Boat Slips! Heated Pool, Sandy Beach! **\$349,000.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 60 Bates Point Rd! Middle Pond! Absolute Prime 52' Level Waterfront Lot w/Western Expo! Beautiful Sunsets! Panoramic Lake Views! 8 Rms, 3 Bdrm, 2 Baths, A/C'd, Ranch! Custom SS Appliances! Granite Kit! Din Rm w/Hrdws & Slider to Waterfront Deck w/Awning! Lake Facing Frplc Liv Rm w/Cathedral, Skylight & Hrdws! Comfortable Master Bdrm! Frpld Lower Level Fam Rm! 2 Car Garage! **\$729,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 8 Reid Smith Cove Road! Panoramic Lake Views! West Expo Super Sunsets! 9,698' Lot! Gently Sloping! 2,254' Custom Contemp Cape, Built 09 as 2nd Home! Lake New! Open Flr Plan! Spectacular Lake Facing Great Rm w/17' Ceiling, Recessed Lights, Sliders to Trex Deck, Stone Gas Frplc, Surround Sound & Gleaming Hrdws! Granite Kit w/Is! SS Appliances, Soft Close Cabinets, Hrdws & Recessed Lights! 1st Flr Master w/Tile Bath, Whirlpool Tub/Shower, Dble Sink & Linen Closet! Upstairs Sitting Area Overlooking Grand Rm w/Lake Views! Hrdwd Hall to 2 Bdrms w/Recessed Lights, Ceiling Fans & Dble Closets! Full Bath & Linen Closet! Lower Level Walkout Fam Rm w/Tile Flr, 10' Ceilings, Recessed Lights, Ceiling Fans, Stone Gas Frplc, Surround Sound, Wet Bar & Slider! Full Bath w/Tile Flr! Utility Rm w/Laundry & Storage! Nice Docks! Get Picking! **\$724,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 109 Beacon Park! Waterfront, Beach Front, Pool Side! Townhouse w/BOAT DOCK! 5 Rms! Move-in Condition! Panoramic Lake Views! Appliances! Din & Frpld Liv Rm w/Hrdws! Lake Facing Master! Custom Master Bath! 2 Bdrms! 2.5 Baths! C/Air! Garage! **\$288,000.00**



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Gorgeous brick faced, 3 bedroom, 2.5 Bath split entry on a manicured yard! Location, location, location! Spacious home with many updates! Large dining area, inviting fireplaced living room! New wall to wall carpeting and hardwoods! Both bathrooms are remodeled! Master has a luxurious jet shower! Walk in closet! Sun porch overlooks inground heated pool! Family room has new enchanted wood stove with large bar area, great for entertaining! 2 car garage. **\$311,900**

WEBSTER - 36 WEST AVE



First Time Offered! Grand Custom Built Cape! 10+ Spacious Rooms. 4 BRs 3 Full Baths, 2 Full Kitchens, Dining Rm, 2 Lg Family Rms, Gorgeous Formal Living Rm w/ Fireplace, 2 - 3 Season Enclosed Patio Rooms! 3,235 SF +/- ONE LEVEL LIVING w/ 2 BRs, 2nd flr - 2 huge BRs & full bath! in-law setup w/ kitchen, family rm, full bath, garage. **\$279,900**

THOMPSON - 5 BEATTIE AVE



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NEW LISTING! Under Construction! 1.31 acre +/- lot Close to I-395! Open flr plan, cathedral ceilings, hrdwd & ceramic tile flrs! Granite counters, center island! Dining rm w/ sliders to deck! 2 BRs, & Mstr BR suite w/private bath! 1/2 bath/laundry, 2-1/2 bath total! Central Air, 2 car garag. **\$259,900.**

WEBSTER - 115 SUTTON RD



New listing! Charming well appointed cape! Mahogany floor farmers porch! Andersen windows! Beautiful 2 story foyer! Cabinet packed kitchen custom cherry cabinets - ss appliances - island, formal dining room w/hardwood floors, family room with fireplace! French doors that open to 15x18 of extra entertaining space! Second floor has large 10x23 master & full bath with jetted tub - bedrooms 283 share a full bath! Finished basement! **\$329,900**

WEBSTER - 41 THOMPSON RD



SORRY, SOLD!

Business zoned 2 family! on a 1/4+ Acre lot, Oversized concrete block garage, 6 rooms, 3 bedrooms, 1-1/2 baths, each unit. Walk up attics. Recent 2 Fuel Efficient gas fired heating systems. Originally built in year 1900 with remodeled improvements over time. **\$224,900.**

WEBSTER - 19 PEPKA DR



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Desirable one level living with a long list of upgrades! Electrical service, new pro windows, roof, central air & heat pump, gas heat. New ss appliances, new kitchen and more! Hardwood flooring. Private, tree bordered - level lot! Shed which has garage door. Covered back porch for summer enjoyment! **\$245,900**

WEBSTER - 90 UPLAND AVE



ON DEPOSIT

NEW LISTING! Excellent home for 1st time home buyers! Cape that has 3 large bedrooms, 2 on the main level and one on the 2nd floor, 1 bath on the main level, 1/2 bath in the basement. Heated by oil - forced hot water baseboard! 1 car garage under **\$134,900.**

WEBSTER LAKE - 203 BEACON PARK



ON DEPOSIT

Webster Lake Condo in BEACON PARK! 10 acres of Park like Grounds!, Natural Sandy Beach! Excellent for Swimming! Do your early morning laps in the inground pool! 1200+ sf Living space! 2 large bedrooms, dining and living room! 2 sliders - Deck! BOAT DOCK INCLUDED! Buy now - enjoy the 4th of JULY FIREWORKS! **\$254,900**



ON DEPOSIT

WEBSTER LAKE - 110 LAKESIDE AVE

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Webster Lake - 22 South Point Rd. Waterfront, Southern exposure! Town Water & Sewer **\$229,900**
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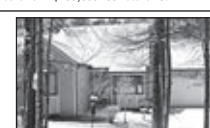
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Southbridge: Drop Dead Gorgeous! 8 room 3 bedroom 2 bath Cape with outstanding Pool, composite decking, outdoor fireplace & pergola! Large living room with pellet stove. Spectacular Kitchen loaded w/cabinets, granite, corian counters, island, & built in refrigerator, stove & microwave. Hardwood floors. 3 big bedrooms upstairs. Lower level finished game room! Central Air. Roof done 2013, windows done 2017. **\$299,900. 38** Lebanon St.

Southbridge: Extra Special One Level Home in Sought After Neighborhood! One level 6 room 3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath Ranch. Nothing needs to be done! Remodeled kitchen with quartz counter. Large living room with pellet stove insert in fireplace. Hardwood floors. Laundry on main level. Attached 2 car garage. Added feature is attached gazebo w/windows all around. **\$249,900. 15** Bruce Ln

Southbridge: INVESTORS! ROOMING HOUSE with 11 rental rooms plus caretakers 3 room apartment. Expansion possible in the Carriage House in rear. Share a kitchen. Common baths. Updated furnace. Off street parking. At one time a 4 family. \$110 per week per room. Good rental history. Walk to town! **\$219,900.**



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Southbridge: One of a kind beautiful Condo loaded with costly upgrades! Exquisite Condo with 8 rooms 4 bedrooms 3 baths. Each closet has been upgraded with closet organizers. Lower level all finished including beautiful full living room, bedrooms and lower level have built in cabinetry custom made for the seller. Attached 2 car garage. So much storage! Location a premium for commuters! **\$279,900. 2** Berwood Dr.

Southbridge: PICTURE PERFECT Home in small cul-de-sac neighborhood. Well cared for 7 room 3 bedroom home with first floor heated sun room or den plus lower level family room! Living room has wonderful fireplace, hardwood floors, and bowed window. Beautiful updated kitchen 4 year old furnace & hot water! Last yr did driveway over Garage. Large lovely private yard with beautiful plantings! **\$249,900.**

Southbridge: Great 2 family with many renovations! 5 rooms 2 bedroom units. Beautiful hardwood floors, natural woodwork, large kitchen w/pantry. Dining room has closet, could be 3rd bedroom. Updated electrical service with landlord meter. Newer HW heaters. Roof in 2012. Windows & Doors 2008. Long term clean tenants! **\$199,900.**



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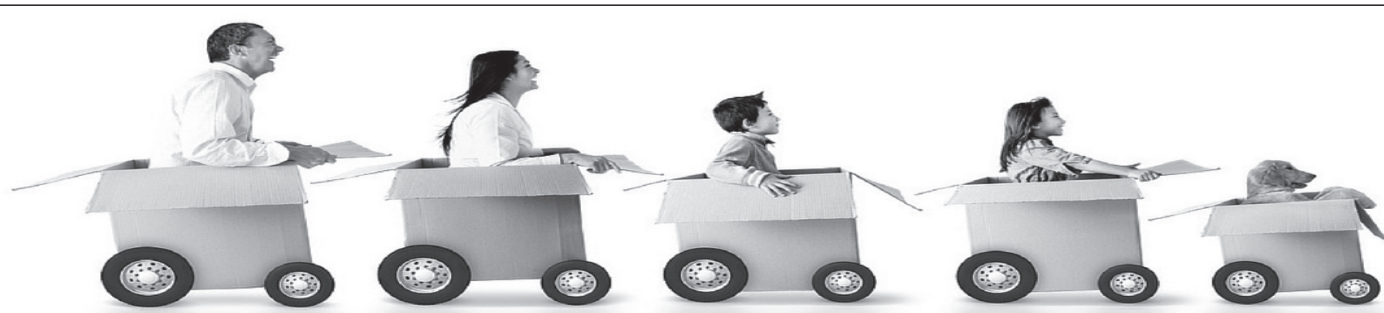
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DUDLEY				
Stebbins Dr. Lot 51	P	1:30-2:30	\$89,900	ReMax Advantage 1 / Maria Reed 508.873.9254
Stebbins Dr. Lot 51A	P	1:30-2:30	\$139,900	ReMax Advantage 1 / Maria Reed 508.873.9254
PAXTON				
252 Richards Ave	S	12:30-2	\$435,000	ReMax Professional Associates / Conrad Allen 805.400.0438



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New England Properties

OPEN HOUSE SAT 5/19 10:00-11:30



**306 Kenyon Road
Hampton \$850,000**
30-acre horse property w/indoor arena. Stunning views & fenced-in pastures. Abuts Air Line Trail. Beautiful 4 BR w/in-ground pool.
John Downs 860-377-0754

OPEN HOUSE SAT 5/19 12:00-1:30



**130 English Neighborhood Rd.
Woodstock \$525,000**
Sweeping valley views! Stunning Antique home. 19.55 acres with pasture, developable land and 4 outbuildings.
John Downs 860-377-0754

Congratulations Agents

Top Listing
Agent



Corleen Law
401-263-8893

Top Selling
Agents



The Gosselin Team
860-428-5960

Top Buyers
Agent



Brooke Gelhaus
860-336-9408

OPEN HOUSE SUN 5/20 11:00-1:00



**165 Windham Road
Brooklyn \$395,000**
4 BR, 2.5 BA, 1.71 acres, 2 car garage, beautifully landscaped, spacious, formal dining room, hardwoods.
Lauren Heidelberg 860-933-0735

OPEN HOUSE SUN 5/20 2:00-4:00



**200 Paine Road
Pomfret 265,000\$**
1,656 SF, 1.21 acres, beautifully landscaped, detached garage, 3 BR, 1.5 BA, partially finished basement w/ bonus room.
Lauren Heidelberg 860-933-0735

Woodstock \$599,000 NEW LISTING



Step back in time to this lovely home-stead! This home was built in 3 centuries, 1777, 1820 & 1973.
Be part of Woodstock's history!
**The White/Cook Team:
Diane 860-377-4016**

Thompson \$149,500 NEW LISTING



Attractive townhouse in excellent cond-1300 SF. Open flr plan w/brst nook & pantry cabinet. Mstr bedrm w/walk in closet.
Garage.
**Chet Zadora
860-208-6724**

Eastford \$475,000 NEW LISTING



A wonderful country home & working farm on 19.5 acres. Includes large post & beam barn, separate in-law & fenced pastures.
**John Downs
860-377-0754**

Brooklyn \$340,000



On 21 acres fronting on Blackwell's Brook. 4,074 SF with 5 BR and 2.5 BA! Outbuildings and updates!
**The Gosselin Team:
Stephanie Gosselin 860-428-5960**

Willington \$125,000



Handy person special! Close to I-84. Being sold AS IS. Was rented for \$1200/month. Nice level lot with farm views.
**Mary Collins
860-336-6677**

Brooklyn \$359,900



3,000 SF all one level. 9 room 3+ BR, 3 BA, full in law, 5.8 private acres. 5.8 acres
**Robert Viani
860-264-5921**

Pomfret \$550,000



Custom Colonial built w/entertaining in mind. New granite counters & solid cabinets for a fabulous cooks kitchen w/eat in area.
**Mary Collins
860-336-6677**

Eastford \$359,000



Newly renovated Farmhouse w/4 BR, 2.5 BA & wrap-around porch! Open concept kitchen opens to cathedral ceilings in the family rm.
**Mary Scalise
860-918-1539**

Thompson \$395,000



Waterfront on recreational Quaddick Lake. .21 acre lot, 4 BR, 3 BA, wood stove & solar panels. New patio, dock & boats to stay.
**Mary Collins
860-336-6677**

Woodstock \$655,000



Custom Colonial w/5 fireplaces, hand crafted built-ins, granite kitchen & hardwoods throughout the home & in-law/au-pair home.
**The White/Cook Team
860-377-4016**

Woodstock Valley \$514,900



Private 28 acres, 3,000 SF 3+ BR, some cleared land for animals. 6 car detached garage, whole house generator.
**Robert Viani
860-264-5921**

Pomfret \$425,000



Beautiful Colonial on 2.85 acres w/hrdwds & granite counters. Lg in-ground pool & pool house. Master suite & att. 2 car garage.
**Mary Collins
860-336-6677**

Woodstock Lakefront \$289,900



Wonderful lakefront home with inlet to dock your boat and be out of the lake traffic!
**The White/Cook Team
860-377-4016**

Woodstock \$450,000



Ca. 1745 but completely new w/4000 SF, 4 BR 3 BA on 1.17 acres surrounded by open farm land. Chef's kitchen extraordinaire and gorgeous 3-car garage!
**The Gosselin Team:
Stephanie 860-428-5960**

Woodstock \$249,000



Wonderful to be built new construction w/lake rights & views of Lake Bungay. 3 lg BR, 1 BR on the 1st floor. Won't last long.
**The White/Cook Team:
Diane 860-377-4016**

Pomfret \$499,000



Private Pomfret Resort: This 3,484 SF 4 BR, 4 BA home has everything you could want for: pool, sauna, hot tub on 8 private acres!
**The Gosselin Team:
Stephanie 860-428-5960**

Putnam \$4,000/mo Commercial Lease



bhhsNEproperties.com/170049046
Location! Location! 2,696 SF commercial space for lease with ample parking. Convenient to I-395. A must see!
Vivian Kozey 860-455-5363

Woodstock \$1000/Mo Commercial Lease



Versatile set up for an office or retail store. 1000 SF. Clean-Move in ready- Parking-Heat included.
**Chet Zadora
860-208-6724**

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HERE & THERE → Local Events, Arts, and Entertainment Listings

FRIDAY, MAY 18



Second Chance Pet Adoptions
At KLEM'S
2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Come visit the dogs and cats available

www.klemsonline.com
117 West Main St., Spencer, MA
508-885-2708 (Ext. 104)

COMEDY NIGHT AT
MAQUI'S BAR
8:30 p.m.



Presented by the Providence Comedy Factory
Featuring 4 headliners
\$15 pp

Tickets available at Maqui's
Or call 774-230-2520
Or 401-639-77226
61 Chestnut St., Southbridge, MA

SATURDAY, MAY 19

5th ANNUAL RIDE FOR NICK'S HOUSE
With the American Legion
Riders of Post 138
Registration 9-10:15 a.m.
175 Main St., Spencer, MA
Raising money for local veterans
\$20 per bike; \$10 general public
774-200-6459 for more info



SATURDAY, MAY 26

NORTH BROOKFIELD ANNUAL TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE
Maps of the yard sale locations will be available for \$1.00 beginning at 7 am the day of the sale in front of the Town House, 185 N. Main St., North Brookfield, MA

SUNDAY, MAY 27

2-5 p.m.
RON ADAMS AND JIM PERRY
On the lower level patio
308 LAKESIDE

308 East Main St.
East Brookfield, MA
774-449-8333

THURSDAY, MAY 31

SPRING INTO HEALTH WITH
FREE EDUCATIONAL
PROGRAMS

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Why Would You Need To See A Spine Surgeon?
Christian DiPaola, MD
Orthopedic Surgeon
And from 7-8 p.m.

The Clock Is Ticking, So Is Your Heart Keep It That Way
Ira Ockene, MD, Cardiologist
Events held at Beechwood Hotel, Worcester
Registration required
To register or for more info
umassmemorial.org/healthseminars
Or call 855-862-7763

FRIDAY, JUNE 1

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
FIRST FRIDAYS FESTIVAL
IN DOWNTOWN PUTNAM, CT
Theme: African-American Heritage
Live Music! Food! Vendors!

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
SPRING CRAFT & VENDOR
FAIR
BAY PATH GOLF COURSE
Free admission, live music
Stroller friendly
191 North Brookfield Rd.
East Brookfield, MA
508-867-8161



FRIDAY, JUNE 15

2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Second Chance Pet Adoptions
At KLEM'S
Come visit the dogs & cats available
klemsonline.com
117 West Main St., Spencer, MA
508-885-2708 (Ext 104)

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

ATHA Quiet Corner
HOOK-IN

Traditional hooked rugs displayed
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Rte. 169 & 171, Woodstock, CT
Join us for fun and good times
Vendors/Raffle/ Door Prizes
Snacks and Beverages
\$15 for Hook-In All Day
Pre-register by June 1, 2018
\$5 Vendor Shopping Only
Contact: gretchg@verizon.net

FRIDAY, JULY 6

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
FIRST FRIDAYS FESTIVAL
IN DOWNTOWN PUTNAM, CT
Theme: French Canadian-American
Heritage Live music! Food!
Vendors!

FRIDAY, JULY 20

2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Second Chance Pet Adoptions
At KLEM'S Come visit the cats & dogs available
klemsonline.com
117 West Main St., Spencer, MA
508-885-2708 (Ext 104)

FRIDAY, SATURDAY,
SUNDAY
JULY 20, 21, 22



Klem's DockDogs Days 2018
The world's premier canine aquatics competition
klemsonline.com
117 West Main St., Spencer, MA
508-885-2708 (Ext. 104)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
FIRST FRIDAYS FESTIVAL
IN DOWNTOWN PUTNAM, CT
Theme: Greek-American heritage
Live music! Food! Vendors!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

Second Chance Pet Adoptions
At KLEM'S • 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Come visit the dogs & cats available
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117 West Main St., Spencer, MA
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
FIRST FRIDAYS FESTIVAL
IN DOWNTOWN PUTNAM, CT
Theme: Native-American heritage
Live music! Food! Vendors!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
FIRST FRIDAYS FESTIVAL
IN DOWNTOWN PUTNAM, CT
Theme: Scandinavian-American
heritage. Live music! Food!
Vendors!

ONGOING

JUNE 6 THROUGH
AUGUST 29



WEDNESDAY NIGHT CRUISING
FOR CHARITY CAR SHOW
5 p.m. - dusk
100% profits go to Masonic
Children's. klemsonline.com
KLEM'S
117 West Main St., Spencer, MA
508-885-2708(Ext. 104)

JUNE 9 THROUGH
OCTOBER 20



KLEM'S FARMERS MARKET
Every Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Visit many local crafters, artisans & more!
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508-885-2708 (Ext. 104)

ROADHOUSE BLUES JAM
Every Sunday, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.
CADY'S TAVERN
2168 Putnam Pike, Chepachet, RI
401-568-4102

TRIVIA SATURDAY NIGHTS
7:00 p.m. register
7:30 p.m. start up
HILLCREST COUNTRY CLUB
325 Pleasant St., Leicester, MA
508-892-9822

WISE GUYS TEAM TRIVIA
Every Tuesday, 8:00 - 10:00 p.m.
CADY'S TAVERN
2168 Putnam Pike (Rt. 44)
Chepachet, RI
401-568- 4102

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
FRIDAY NIGHT
HEXMARK TAVERN
AT SALEM CROSS INN
260 West Main St., West
Brookfield, MA
508-867-2345
sailemcrossinn.com

TRAP SHOOTING
Every Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
Open to the public
\$12.00 per round includes clays and
ammo. NRA certified range officer
on site every shoot
AUBURN SPORTSMAN CLUB
50 Elm St., Auburn, MA
508-832-6492

HUGE MEAT RAFFLE
First Friday of the month
Early Bird 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
1st table: 7:00 p.m.
Auburn Sportsman Club
50 Elm St., Auburn, MA
508-832-6496

TRIVIA TUESDAYS
at 7:00 p.m. Cash prizes
308 LAKESIDE
308 East main St.
East Brookfield, MA
774-449-8333



PEOPLE FACT:

THIS HOLIDAY, CELEBRATED EACH MAY, HONORS WOMEN WHO HAVE CHILDREN.

ANSWER: MOTHER'S DAY

Crossword Puzzle

1				2		3		4
				5				
6								
				7				
8								

ACROSS

1. Large hill
5. Used to measure
6. Warm food
7. Rule over
8. Certain

DOWN

1. Female parents
2. Care for
3. Can do
4. Feeding a baby

Answers:
Across: 1. Mountain 5. Ruler 6. Heat 7. Reign 8. Sure
Down: 1. Mothers 2. Nurture 3. Able 4. Nursing

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY

1846: THE UNITED STATES FORMALLY DECLARES WAR ON MEXICO AFTER SEVERAL DAYS OF FIGHTING.

1912: THE ROYAL FLYING CORPS, A FORERUNNER OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE, IS ESTABLISHED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

1980: AN F3 TORNADO HITS KALAMAZOO COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

New word

WEED

a wild plant growing where it is not wanted

LEGALS

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Lake Street School
Town of Spencer, MA

In accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 30B, Section 16, the Board of Selectmen, acting on behalf of the Town of Spencer through the Building and Property Re-Use Committee, is seeking proposals from qualified development entities for the sale and redevelopment of the Lake Street School at 17 Lake Street in Spencer, Massachusetts. Respondents are invited to submit one (1) original and five (5) copies in a sealed package or envelope labeled "Lake Street School Proposal" no later than **11:00AM on June 13, 2018** at which time all proposals will be opened and read publicly at Spencer Town Hall. The Request for Proposals (RFP) and associated appendices will be made available on the Town's website as of May 9, 2018. All communications regarding this RFP must be made in writing to Paul Dell'Aquila, Town Planner, 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA 01562. Emailed questions may be addressed to pdellaquila@spencerma.gov. The Town reserves the right to reject, in its sole discretion, any proposal not submitted in accordance with this RFP and any amendments hereto, or to reject any and all proposals, in its sole discretion, for any reason.

Thomas Gregory
Town Administrator
May 11, 2018
May 18, 2018

Public Notice
In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 131, Section 40 of the Wetlands Protection Act, the North Brookfield Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at Town Offices, 215 North Main Street, North Brookfield, MA regarding a Notice of Intent submitted by Tammy Mikelk, for replacement of septic system to meet Title 5 requirements and associated activities near wetland. The property located at 97 Waite Corner Road, North Brookfield MA 01535. Assessors Map 12 Parcel 97. Any person interested in this matter is invited to attend the hearing.

May 18, 2018

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO18P1373EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Antoinette S Dee
Date of Death: 01/28/2018

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Robert J Dee of Spencer MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Robert J Dee of Spencer MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the

Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/29/2018.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 30, 2018

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate

May 18, 2018

Town of Spencer, MA
Tree Hearing

A public hearing will be held at the Spencer Memorial Town Hall, Conference Room A, 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA on Monday, June 4, 2018, at 6:30 pm. to consider the proposed removal of the following tree:
196 Paxton Rd-
1 tree (for Drainage Improvement)
Information on different sizes and species is available on the Town website spencerma.gov

Ray Holmes
Tree Warden

May 18, 2018

Burncoat Pond Watershed District
Official Warrant
Annual Meeting of Proprietors
June 12, 2018
Worcester, SS
To the District Clerk:

GREETINGS: You are hereby directed to notify the Voters of the Burncoat Pond Watershed District to meet in the Community Room of the Leicester Police Station, Leicester, Massachusetts, on June 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To see if the District will vote to elect a District Moderator for one year or to take any action thereon.
Article 2. To see if the District will vote to elect a member of the Management Committee to hold office for a term of three (3) years, a member of the Management Committee shall be elected by ballot, or to take any action thereon.
Article 3. To see if the District will elect a District Clerk to hold office one year from this annual meeting, a clerk shall be elected by ballot for one year or to take any action thereon.
Article 4. To see if the District will elect a District Treasurer to hold office one year from this annual meeting, a treasurer shall be elected by ballot for one year, or to take any action thereon.
Article 5. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund dam repairs, or to take any action thereon.
Article 6. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate and/or

transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Reserve Account, or to take any action thereon.

Article 7. To see if the District will vote to establish a Stabilization fund under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40, Section 5B.

Article 8. To see if the District will vote to adopt a budget for fiscal year 2019, the appropriation of moneys to be raised by assessment upon the proprietors in support thereof, or to take any action thereon.

You are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy at the Town Halls of Leicester and Spencer Clerk's as required by Massachusetts State Open Meeting Law as well as mailing each proprietor notice by first class mail.

Given under our hand and seal of the District this 8th day of May 2018.
Respectfully submitted,
May 18, 2018

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
Docket No. WO18P1412GD
NOTICE AND ORDER:
Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor
In the interests of
Crystal Jane Croce
of West Brookfield, MA
Minor
NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on **05/02/2018** by **Jordan T. Brooks** of West Brookfield, MA will be held **05/30/2018 08:30 AM Motion** Located **Worcester Probate & Family Court. Courtroom #1**

2. Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:
File the original with the Court; and
Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

3. Counsel for the Minor: The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

4. Counsel for Parents: If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.

5. Presence of the Minor at Hearing: A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An important court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact an attorney for legal advice.
Date: May 2, 2018

Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate

May 18, 2018

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO18P1540EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Ronald Walter Latour
Date of Death: 03/10/2018

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Jean Flint of Spencer MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Jean Flint of Spencer MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 11, 2018

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate

May 18, 2018

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6pm, Tuesday, June 5, 2018 in the Brookfield Town Hall Kitchen.

The purpose of this hearing is a request by Roger Mundell Jr. for a special permit to construct an apartment above a pre-existing garage at 52 South Maple Street located in the Business A District, according to a denial from the Zoning Enforcement Officer based on the Brookfield Zoning By-laws, Section 4 District and Use Regulations sub-section D Use Regulation Table, 2 - Residential, f - Conversion of single family to a two-three-four-family dwelling.

Stephen J. Comtois II
ZBA Chairman
May 18, 2018
May 25, 2018

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010 FOR SALE

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12' STARCRAFT ALU-MINUM ROWBOAT with oars and 2.2 Mercury outboard \$500. No trailer. 508-885-6975

1949 INTERNATIONAL HAR-VESTER CUB TRACTOR: Runs Well, Two New Tires, Attachments Include Snow Plow, Harrow, Cultivator, and Land Plow. \$2,500. (508) 248-6860

1991 HARLEY DRESSER: 55,000 Miles. Runs Great! \$4,500 or Will Trade for Car of Equal Value. BASS BOAT 16 1/2 FT LUND Very Good Condition! MANY EXTRAS \$3,750 O.B.O. Call for info (508) 943-5797, Cell (508) 353-9722

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2 LAZY BOY LEATHER-suized rocker recliners, beautiful rich mahogany color. Less than 1 year old, perfect condition. \$500 each. 774-280-2639

2 TWIN BEDS: Complete, In Excellent Condition. 508-423-4824

225 GALLON WATER STORAGE TANK - used 6 months. \$350 508-867-2523

4 SNOW TIRES -235/50 R18 101T used 2 months- paid \$800, asking best offer. 508-414-2474

5-PIECE ALL WOOD BED-ROOM SET \$900, cedar-chest \$80, rocking chair \$50, bookshelf 2 pc unit \$80, TV armoire with 2 display units \$150, metal/glass kitchen cart \$40 508-347-9407

6-PIECE TWIN BEDROOM SET FOR SALE: Matching headboard, footboard, 5-drawer chest, 6-drawer dresser with mirror, and night stand in dark oak. In very good condition. Asking \$550-00 or best offer. Call 508-846-5486

ACORN STAIRLIFT - 3.5 years old; like new condition. 11 feet long. Asking \$1400 or best offer. Call 508-277-6568 if interested.

ALL BEST OFFER MOVING SALE: 6 Chairs, Two wedding dresses size 14 & 18; Mother of bride dress size 18; Bridesmaid dresses, size 18; Piano; 2-draw filing cab. Green Sofa & Loveseat; 4-burner gas grill; Patio Table w/ Glass Top; Pressure washer; 6 Chairs; Umbrella Tools, Axes; Recliner; Twin Beds; Desks; Book Cases; TV. (774) 262-0442

ANGLE IRON CUTTER For Sheling 4Wx26, HK Potter 2790. Normally Sells For \$700. \$50 OBO. Call 5pm-8:30pm, (508)867-6546

COMPLETE MACHINE SHOP: Bridgeports, C & C Milling Machine, Lathes, Air Compressors, Fork Trucks, Drill Presses, A Complete Mezzanine 3,500 sq.ft. NEVER INSTALLED! Pallet Racking, Electric Pallet Jacks. (508) 792-9950

CRAFTSMAN ROLL Around Tool Box: 6 Drawers, 52Hx34Wx19D \$100. Computer Desk 23Dx30Hx47W \$30.00. Glass Chess Set \$15.00. Poker Chips/ Aluminum Case \$20.00. Leapfrog 6 Books \$25.00. Call (508) 867-4546

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ENTERTAINMENT CENTER: OAK 49W 49H 17 1/2D. Excellent Condition, Has Drawers and Shelves \$150. Call (508) 347-7492. Can email picture

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE at Charlton Orchards - see our ad in YARD SALES.

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Preparing garden beds for spring and beyond



Begin preparing garden bed soil early for new plants.

Gardening enthusiasts may have been thinking about their landscape plans throughout the winter, eager to once again get their hands dirty with soil. Whether a home gardener is making preparations for edible crops or beautiful flowers, he or she must take time to make the soil amenable to planting. To establish hearty, durable plants, gardeners can focus on three main areas: addressing soil composition, cultivating and adding nutrients.

SOIL COMPOSITION

Many gardeners prefer growing a variety of plants in their gardens. Such an approach requires taking inventory of the type of soil in one's garden and making the necessary modifications so that the types of vegetables, herbs, shrubs, or flowers that will be planted can grow in strongly. In fact, according to the plant company Proven Winners, the most important step to developing good roots is preparing the soil.

Take a sample of the soil and examine it to see what is present. If the soil is too full of clay, too sandy, too dense, or too loose, that can lead to problems where plants cannot grow in strong. Work with a garden center to add the right soil amendments to make a rich soil. This may include organic compost or manure, which will also add nutrients to the soil.

CULTIVATION

Cultivating the soil can involve different steps. Removal of weeds, errant rocks, roots, and other items will help prepare the soil. Mother Earth News suggests working on garden soil when the soil is damp but never wet; otherwise, garden soil can become messy and clumpy. Use a digging fork or shovel to lightly turn the soil when it's mostly dry. Gentle tillings also can open up the soil to incorporate the nutritional amendments and relieve compaction that likely occurred from freezing temps and snow pressure. Tilling also helps with drainage and oxygen delivery to roots. The DIY Network suggests turning over soil at a depth of 12 inches to work the soil — about the length of a shovel spade. However, the resource Earth Easy says that existing garden beds have a complex soil ecosystem and simply top-dressing with compost or manure can be enough preparation for planting. Gardeners can experiment with the methods that work best for their gardens.

NUTRITION

Testing the pH and the levels of certain nutrients in the soil, namely nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium, will give gardeners an idea of other soil additions that may be needed. Soils with a pH below 6.2 often can benefit from the addition of lime several weeks before planting. Soil tests will determine just how much fertilizer to add to the soil. Complete fertilizers will have equal amounts of nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium. Individual fertilizers can amend the soil with only these nutritional elements that are needed.

Top-dressing empty beds with a layer of mulch or compost can prevent weed growth and preserve moisture until it is time to plant. If existing shrubs or plants are in garden beds, use more care so as not to disturb roots or dig too deeply.

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Suggestions when shopping for fencing

Fences can improve functionality of a yard and provide extra security and privacy. Some fences are decorative while others are functional. Families with children and/or companion animals also may find fencing is a necessity to keep everyone safe and corralled.

With a vast array of fencing materials available, homeowners may find it challenging to decide which material is right for their properties. The following breakdown can help homeowners learn more about fencing and potentially point them in the right direction regarding which material to choose for their properties.

BUDGET

Budget is one of the first considerations many homeowners have when installing fencing. Pricing will affect whether one can afford a chain link fence (one of the most budget-friendly options), wrought iron or ornate wood (more expensive). Pricing out several different types of fences will give homeowners an idea of which material fits



A post-and-rail fence can be sufficient if the goal is to mark off property lines but not obscure views.

into their budgets.

PURPOSE

Homeowners install fencing for various reasons. If a fence is an ornamental way to delineate property lines, a picket fence or a post-and-rail fence are simple options that can lend a homey

feel to a property. These types of fences also can enhance and frame landscaping elements, such as gardens.

In many area, laws require homeowners to install fencing around swimming pools. In such instances, chain link fencing that does not obstruct views of the pool

might be the best choice. If security or privacy is the main desire, tall fences that make it difficult for neighbors to see into the yard may make an ideal choice.

RESTRICTIONS

It is important to understand local regulations

before installing fencing. Communities governed by homeowners' associations may have rules in place that dictate the type of fences that can be installed. Townships and other municipalities may have their own rules concerning fence type, property borders, fence height, and other fac-

tors that will have to be adhered to so that fencing will meet code. If such rules are not following fines may be imposed and the fence may have to be removed. Homeowners also may need permits to install fencing, whether they are hiring a contractor or doing the work themselves.

MAINTENANCE

Consumer resource Angie's List advises homeowners to consider maintenance before choosing a fencing material. Wooden fencing requires the most maintenance due to painting and staining. Aluminum or vinyl fencing requires less maintenance, but it can be harder to repair isolated damage or replace pickets, if necessary. In some instances, the entire fence may have to be replaced.

Homeowners install fencing for many different reasons. Considering price, budget, purpose, and maintenance before making a decision regarding fencing can help homeowners make the best decision possible.

Salmonella is 'no yolk' when raising backyard chickens



City dwellers and suburbanites have flown the coop, so to speak. A growing interest in raising chickens has enabled coops and nesting birds to spring up in neighborhoods one would not typically associate with chickens.

Sometimes dubbed "urban homesteading" or "urban farming," these homegrown operations enable people to enjoy fresh eggs from the comfort of home. Henhouses are just another extension of methods to reap the benefits of fresh, local and nonfactory-produced foods.

Although advocates insist that raising chickens on a small scale makes the birds less likely to carry disease than factory-farmed chickens, anyone raising chickens needs to be aware of the potential for disease — particularly salmonella. Also, it's important to care for chickens in a manner that is humane and in line with local laws.

WHAT IS SALMONELLA?

Salmonella is a common bacteria that lives in the intestinal tract of humans, other mammals and some birds,

including chickens. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that approximately 1.2 million illnesses and 450 deaths are attributed to salmonella annually in the United States. The illness causes diarrhea, fever and abdominal cramps between 12 and 72 hours after infection and can last between four and seven days. Salmonella can cause death when not properly treated with antibiotics.

SPREADING SALMONELLA

Although humans cannot catch salmonella from chickens the way one would contract a cold, they can catch it through handling or consuming eggs of infected birds. The rural newsletter and farming resource Grit says salmonella can then be transmitted to humans who eat improperly cooked meat or eggs from infected birds or from putting their hands in your mouths after touching chickens or eggs that have come in contact with contaminated rodent or chicken feces.

The elderly, people with weakened immune systems and young chil-

dren are at the highest risk for salmonella infection than others. Children who help gather eggs and do not thoroughly wash their hands afterward can be at increased risk.

REDUCING RISK

Maintaining clean conditions and routinely inspecting chickens for good health can help lower the risk of salmonella infection. Chicks and adult chickens that have salmonella may produce loose yellow or green droppings; have a drop in egg production; increased thirst and decreased feed consumption; and show signs of weight loss. Look for rodents in the henhouse, as infected mice or other small rodents may transmit salmonella as well.

Chickens also need safe, roomy clean conditions to remain healthy and content. According to the resource MyPetChicken, a diet of whole grains and seeds also may be associated with decreased salmonella colonies.

Some experts warn against washing eggs as a preventative method. According to a report written by Diane Schivera, an organic livestock specialist for the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association, thoroughly cleaning egg shells can remove a protective "bloom" that prevents bacteria from entering eggs. Eggs shouldn't be scrubbed, but some suggest a warm water rinse that will push dirt away from the shell's pores.

Old eggs are more susceptible to bacteria penetration. Storing eggs at room temperature may cause them to degrade faster. Once eggs are gathered, individuals should wash their hands and make sure the eggs are chilled.

Salmonella can be prevented in backyard chicken coops. Plus, it's important to note that risk of infection is very small. The American Egg Board's Egg Safety reference says an average consumer might encounter a contaminated egg once every 84 years.

Be aware of ticks when enjoying the outdoors



Wearing long pants and sleeves and tall socks can discourage ticks from latching on when people are enjoying the outdoors.

When the weather warms, yards beckon, hiking trails look even more inviting and even a patch of grass can be a welcoming respite. Lots of fun can be had outside, but caution is needed. While this time of year is prime for outdoor frolicking, it's also a time when tick populations explode.

Ticks are small crawling bugs in the arachnid (spider) family. There are hundreds of different kinds of ticks in the world. The Canadian Lyme Disease Foundation says there are at least 40 species of tick in Canada alone. The creature subsists on meals of blood from a host animal.

Ticks can carry bacteria, viruses and other pathogens that can cause serious disease in humans and other animals, states LymeDisease.org. Ticks feed and mate mostly on deer, but rodents, birds, lizards, and just about any other animal can be a host to these nondiscriminatory bugs. Animals carry the diseases, which are then passed through the tick to others.

Disease-spreading ticks can be extremely hard to detect because of their diminutive size, especially when they are in the larva or nymph stages. Therefore, preventing tick bites remains the single-best way to stay ahead of Lyme disease and other illnesses. Understanding tick habitats and behavior can make it easier to avoid them.

WHERE TO FIND TICKS

Ticks will congregate anywhere the animals they feed upon live. Primarily

they are located in wooded and grassy areas. Adults will climb up on tall grass waiting for an animal to pass by so they can climb aboard. Nymphs and larvae will live in layers of decomposing leaves under trees.

Moisture is a friend to ticks, which are less active in sunny, dry areas. Therefore, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says removing leaf litter, clearing tall grasses and brush and mowing the lawn frequently can help. The following are additional ways to create tick-safe zones at home.

- Stack wood neatly in a dry area.
- Keep playground equipment and entertaining spaces away from trees and yard edges.
- Discourage unwanted animals with fencing.
- Prevent tick migration into yards with a three-foot-wide barrier of gravel between lawns and wooded areas.
- If desired, employ acaricides (tick pesticides) to reduce the number of ticks in your yard.

ON THE GO

When enjoying the great outdoors, avoid tall grasses and stay on trails. Wear tall socks or pants during hikes to prevent ticks from latching on. A thorough inspection of the body is advisable each time people return indoors. Check hidden areas, such as behind the knees, under the arms and in other skin-fold areas, for ticks.

Tick populations grow as the weather warms. Ensure spring and summer fun is not dampened by tick-related illness.

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Introduce earthworms into the garden

Gardeners eager to revitalize their lawns and gardens may spend hundreds of dollars on tools and products designed to improve soil and growing conditions. Although many of these items can be advantageous, gardeners also may want to look to nature's best garden helpers: earthworms.

It is believed that nearly 3,000 different types of earthworms inhabit the planet. Worms have been around for hundreds of millions of years.

Worms can be seen as bait dangling on fishing lines or as meals for red-breasted robins. But these subterranean dwellers play their biggest role beneath the soil.

Earthworms move through dirt as they search for food. The worms consume particles in the soil, helping to recycle materials like dead leaves, plant parts, decaying animals, and feces. Through their travels, worms also serve to aerate the soil. Worms bring the subsoil closer to the surface and mix it with the topsoil. Earthworms' castings also help naturally fertilize the areas in which they reside. The slimy mucus that worms leave behind contains nitrogen, which also helps to amend the soil.

The University of Illinois Extension says most earthworms found, particularly in North America, can only grow so long, even though some worms seem like they stretch forever underneath the ground. Depending on the type of worm and how many segments it has, as well as its age and ability to get nutritious foods, worms typically reach only a few inches in length, offers National Geographic. There are some anomalies, however. The Oregon giant earthworm is one of the largest earthworms found in North America, growing to more than three feet in length. That worm is very rare, however. In 2016, a 16-inch-long earthworm was discovered in England and became part of the collection at the Natural History Museum in London. Some Australian and South American earthworms are known to grow much larger.

Worms need the correct mix of oxygen, moisture and favorable temperatures to survive. If they do not have these components, they will seek them out elsewhere.

Because of the many benefits earthworms provide, they can be a boon to landscapes.



How to read a nursery plant tag



Shopping for new plants for a home can be an exciting undertaking. Nurseries and garden centers are often home to dozens of types of plant species that come in various colors, leaf variations and sizes. Such variety can make choosing plants more fun while also making the process of buying plants a bit complicated, especially for novices. Thankfully, plant tags can help consumers make informed decisions.

Understanding how to read plant tags is key to making good choices. Such labels contain a lot of information, but once a person knows how to decode that data, he or she is well on the way to choosing the right plants.

COMMON NAME

The common name of the plant tends to be the most noticeable word or words on the tag. This

is the name the plant is referred to outside of scientific circles. Most plants have one or more common names in addition to their botanical name.

SCIENTIFIC (BOTANICAL) NAME

Scientific names are also known as the Latin names of the plant. Such names will be written in italics on the tag and are usually one or two words. The scientific name includes the genus (group) and the species of the plant.

CULTIVAR

A plant tag may further describe the type of plant by including the cultivar. A cultivar is the variation on the species. It may describe a size or color variation. The cultivar is listed in single quotations by the scientific name.

SUN REQUIREMENTS

The tag should list how much sun exposure the plant requires to thrive. It may be anywhere from full sun to full shade.

HEIGHT AND SPREAD

The label frequently includes the maximum growing height and width the plant should reach when mature. This gives gardeners an understanding of just how much room the plant will take up in the garden and how to space plants in a landscape.

WATER NEEDS

How much water the plant requires may be featured on the tag as well. This helps gardeners know if they need soil to be damp or relatively dry.

HARDINESS OR ZONE

Tags that list zones will describe the coldest zone in which the plant can exist. Otherwise, it will give a range. Many annuals will not list a hardiness zone because they are not expected to last beyond one season.

PERENNIAL OR ANNUAL

The tag should designate the plant as an annual or perennial. Annuals are not expected to last through the winter and will need to be replanted the following year. Perennials can overwinter and will regenerate year after year.

Tags also may list information such as special care needs, drought tolerance, uses for the plant, and when the plant blooms. Some plant labels will inform gardeners if the plants were produced organically or without GMO practices. Trademark information also may be included.

Plant tags provide important information for selecting and growing plants. When noted, tags help gardeners make the right selections and keep plants as healthy as possible.

Post-winter garden prep

Lawns and gardens can bear the brunt of winter weather and are often in need of tender loving care by the time spring arrives.

Preparing a garden for spring and summer involves assessing any damage that harsh weather might have caused. As temperatures climb, gardeners can heed the following post-winter garden preparation tips in an effort to ensure some successful gardening in the months ahead.

- Assess the damage. Even if winter was mild, gardens might still have suffered some damage. Inspect garden beds and any fencing or barriers designed to keep wildlife from getting into the garden. Before planting anew, fix any damage that Mother Nature or local wildlife might have caused over the past several months.
- Clear debris. Garden beds and surrounding landscapes that survived winter without being damaged might still be littered with debris. Remove fallen leaves, branches and even litter that blew about on windy winter days before planting season. Make sure to discard any debris effectively so it does not find its way back into the garden.
- Turn the greenhouse into a clean house. Spring cleaning is not just for the interior of a home. Cleaning a greenhouse in advance of spring can help gardeners evict any overwintering pests

that can threaten plant life once spring gardening season arrives. A thorough cleaning, which should include cleaning the inside of greenhouse glass and washing flower pots and plant trays, also can prevent plant diseases from surviving into spring.

- Check for pests. Speak with a local gardening professional to determine if there are any local pests to look out for and how to recognize and remove these pests from gardens. Pests may hibernate in the soil over the winter, and such unwelcome visitors can make it difficult for gardens to thrive come spring and summer.
- Assess plant location. If plants, flowers or gardens have struggled in recent years or never grew especially vibrant, then gardeners may want to assess the location of their plant life before spring gardening season begins. Some plants may not be getting enough sunlight in certain locations on a property, while others might be overexposed to the sun during spring and summer. Moving plants that are not thriving prior to the start of spring gardening season may be just what gardens need to flourish in the coming weeks.

Spring gardening season is right around the corner, so now is an ideal time to prepare gardens for the warmer seasons ahead.





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